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PREFACE.

The name Ashley is an English place-name, meaning the place where Ash trees grow. There are many of the name now living in England, some of them filling considerable place in life. Many more have played important parts in public affairs in the past. The family name of the earls of Shaftesbury is Ashley, and the eldest son of the earl is Lord

Ashley until he succeeds to the earldom. The first Earl of Shaftesbury was the son of Sir Anthony Ashley, baronet, who married Anne, daughter of Sir John Cooper. Their son was called Anthony Ashley-Cooper, born 1621; he became Baron Ashley in 1661. He was present at the coronation of King Charles the Second and made Earl of Shaftesbury (the first earl of that name) in 1672. He is said to have been the first person who ever became a great party leader in the modern sense. He was one of five men who formed a combination as ministers of government under the King (Charles II). The five were, Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington and Lauderdale. The initials of whose names form the word "Cabal." They were powerful but unpopular and ever since their time the word Cabal has been used as a political term of reproach.

The third earl of Shaftesbury (1661-1713) was a writer, a scholarly man of distinction. The 7th earl was a very famous philanthropist, universally respected. He did much for the welfare of the working classes during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Other Ashleys of prominence in England at the present time could be named. Sir William James Ashley, an authority on political economy, born 1850; Lady Louis Mount-Batten, the richest woman in England, and others mentioned in "Who's Who."

In America there are several branches of Ashleys. The best-known of these are the descendants of Robert Ashley, who was one of the early settlers of Springfield, Mass in 1639. The history of the Robert Ashley family has been published in 1896 in a book of 450 pages. Among his descendants was U.S. Senator Chester Ashley of Arkansas. Other Ashleys settled in Virginia; of that branch was Representative James M. Ashley who was in Congress from Toledo, Ohio, during our Civil war and who was the man who first, on the floor of the House, moved the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. Of the Virginia branch was General William H. Ashley, explorer of our Western States before 1825, leader of trappers and plainsmen. The famous Scout Jim Bridger who was the

first white man to see the Great Salt Lake in Utah in 1824 was a member of Gen. William H. Ashley's party of Scouts and explorers.

Another branch of the Ashleys settled in South Eastern Mass., and for the most part remained there. Probably there are more persons named Ashley living in New Bedford, Mass., and its neighborhood than anywhere else in the U.S. It is from the Ashleys of this district that our branch came.

The Ashleys have had force of personality sufficient to imprint the family name upon ten American Towns, one in each of the following states, Ill., Ind., Mich., Missouri, N.D., Ohio, Penn., and W. Va; Ashley Falls in Mass, and Ashley Heights in N. Carolina. At Charleston S. Carolina will be found the Ashley and Cooper rivers, named for the first Earl of Shaftesbury.

CHAPTER I.

JAMES ASHLEY.

Our knowledge of our Ashley ancestry reaches back no farther than about the year 1740. There are two reasons for this; first, the family about 1515 emigrated from New England to what was then the wilderness of Northern Ohio. As there were then practically no established means of communication with the East, no roads, no mails, the connection with the old home and the relatives left behind was cut off. Life in the forest was too strenuous to allow much opportunity for keeping records. The first generation born in Ohio knew nothing of the past, except such things as their elders happened to speak about in their presence; the next generation knew even less. Says Hay and Nicolay's life of Abraham Lincoln, "There are hundreds of families in the West bearing historic names and probably descended from well known houses in the older States or in England, which have lost their continuity with the past as effectually as if a deluge had intervened between this century and the last."

The second reason is that the public records of the towns of Taunton, Mass., from which James Ashley came, were destroyed by fire about 1840. The new England of recording in the offices of the town clerks the marriages, births and deaths is much more complete than any system of records west of the Hudson River. Very probably the records burned in the Taunton fire could have revealed enough to carry our line back into the 17th century. More would now be known about our ancestors if more of the earlier generations had been interested enough to ask questions about their forebears. A first cousin of my father's, "Uncle Dennis Ashley of Greenfield, Haron County, a white haired old man said to me when I was trying to get some information. "I wouldn't give a rye straw to know the whole of 'em clear back to Adam!" Uncle Don as a boy of at least 12 years had seen his grandfather James Ashley. If he had cared to ask the old man who his father and mother were, we should probably be able now to tell a good deal about our earliest American ancestor. I for one would like to know. But, "None live who knew him. There are none to say where lived, whom loved, what wrought, when passed away, this one who, doubtless, had the daily care and hourly travail of his soul to bear, but sleeps with none to marvel o'er him save, the Stranger musing by his sunken grave."

Our family had its early American home in South Eastern Mass., in Bristol and Plymouth Counties, near Buzzards Bay. The early records of Rochester, Dartmouth, Lakeville, Mass., contain many Ashley names. In New Bedford there are at the present time 75 Ashley names listed in the City Directory. They are numerous in Taunton, where in 1906 I saw an Ashley who closely resembled my brother Nat, in build and features and color of his hair and eyes. But, as I have said before, we do not know the relationship of our ancestor James Ashley of Taunton to these present day Taunton Ashleys.

The earliest certain date in his history that we have, is Jan 27 1767 on which date the Town Clerk of Middleborough Plymouth County, Mass., recorded in his book, "Then I published a purpose of Marriage between James Ashley and Anner Caswell, both of Middleborough."

This custom of publishing was equivalent to reading or publishing the "bens." The marriage was performed on Feb 17 1767 by Caleb Turner, J.P. in Middleborough who notes on the record that James Ashley was "Of Taunton" which is no doubt correct. One of James Ashley's grandchildren told me that when James was an old man she used to hear him say to her mother, "Oh if I could only visit Old Taunton again!" That was after he came to Ohio. His wife Anna Caswell (Castle or Caswell) died before he came to Ohio.

My Uncle, Baxter Ashley of Milan, Ohio, wrote me in 1884 that James came to Ohio about 1823 and died about 5 years later at the age of 85 years. (Baxter was born in 1806) That would put the year of James' birth about 1743; if that is correct, and it can not be very far out of the way. James was about 24 years old at the time of his marriage 1767.

The Caswells were also numerous in the neighborhood of Taunton and Middleborough, but no history of the family has yet appeared, I believe.

Not very long after the marriage of James and Anna, they moved about 80 miles northwest to the township of Shutesbury in what is now Franklin County, Mass. There is on record in the Court House at Greenfield? (county seat of Franklin Ct) a deed from James and Anna Ashley conveying to Simeon Vaughn 37 A of land in Shutesbury, first division, lots 85-95-and 102 for 45 pounds 13s 4 d dated June 6 1771.

(note by Cherry- the original records show her name was Annett Caswell.) Hereafter we shall write her name Annett though it appears Anna in Mr. Ashley's record.

James and Annett lived in Shutesbury for the next 30 years or so; most of their children probably all of them, were born there, although their names are not on record there.

Shutesbury is a hill town, still miles away from a railroad, reached by stage from some little station on the railroad that runs from Asherst to Millers Falls. I made a pilgrimage to Shutesbury in October 1906, by stage through Leverett where grandmother Susannah Turner Ashley lived at the time of her marriage to Farden Ashley, up through the wooded hills to the village of Shutesbury. I spent a few hours there looking over the town clerk's records, making notes and coming to understand how the Ashleys came to abandon that remote and rocky hilltop to seek their fortunes farther west. The stage road leads along a little brook that runs west into the Conn River. The crumbling, moss grown foundations of little mills that were busy in James Ashley's day can still be seen, but trees and bushes cover the spots where houses used to be. The hill top still is bare and wind swept and a few houses still remain at the center. There is even a little public library (open every Saturday afternoon 2 to 3) the gift to the town of some former Shutesbury boy who made his money in the city. I learned that years before several fires had devastated the village, wiping out the hotel and the larger stores. Fire protection was impossible so that no insurance company would take any risks any more. Not much inducement for the boys and girls to stay and spend their lives and raise families in Shutesbury.

I have corresponded since with the town clerk and I know there are good people there, intelligent and educated. I was invited last fall to Old Home day in Shutesbury, but in spite of my sentimental interest in the place where my grandfather was born and grew to manhood and where my great grand parents worked hard and reared a family of eleven children, I didn't care to go. It is nearly 125 years since the Ashley name has disappeared from the records of Shutesbury's quiet doings, "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife."

The Shutesbury town records contain a protest signed by James Ashley and four other men in the year 1785 against the levy of a tax for the support of the orthodox (congregational) church. "We belong to the Baptist principle." Church and State had not yet been separated in Mass. The majority

of voters were Congregationalists and they taxed the minority as well as themselves for the upkeep of the established church.

After James Ashley went to Ohio, he joined the Methodist Church, very probably, not finding any organized Baptist Church in the Firelands where he came to live with his children. Writing in 1886 his granddaughter Mrs. Harriet Ashley Smith who was born in 1813 (daughter of Luther Ashley) said "Grandfather was a very devoted Christian and class-leader in the Methodist Church." But that was after he moved to Ohio. Back in Mass., the records show that Baptist ministers performed the marriage ceremonies for four of James' children; James Jr, Luther, Warden and Anna, who were all married before the year 1802.

JAMES ASHLEY, SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION.

(copy of letter, from Mrs. E.H.
Cleveland 135 South Main St.
Middleboro, Mass., May 26, 1932.)

My Dear Mrs. Cherry:

I am very glad to look up James Ashley's record for you. Our town records, examined today show that James Ashley married Annett Caswell on Feb 17, 1787. Could find no record of birth. He is the only James Ashley from Middleborough mentioned in the Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War p 313 Vol 1 Mass. In fact there are but 2 James Ashleys mentioned and the other one I think lived in Pittsfield, Mass. And that is some 75 miles more or less from Middleborough. We have but one volume each of our old records, Marriages, births and deaths.

I also find that James Ashley served as private in the Second Company of Minute Men, Isaac Wood, Captain.

Middleborough Town History gives the name of James Ashley as a private in the Second Company of Minute Men, Isaac Wood. Capt. I find Jotham Caswell in this same Company. Might he be this Annett's father or brother?

If I can be of any further assistance to you, do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely

Mary L.D. Cleveland
Regent, Uemasket Chapter

(Copy of letter from Fredrick W. Ashley
written April 11, 1938 from 880
Castile Ave. Coral Gables, Fla.)

Dear Cousin Marjorie:-

I have at last dug back into James Ashley's ancestry two generations. I do not have the data here, but will send you it when I get back home in June. His grandfather Ashley was born about 1685. James's father died when James was a small boy. His step mother applied to the court for appointment as the guardian. James did not want the arrangement, and requested the appointment of a man, which was done. James was born in Rochester, Mass, a few miles north of Taunton."

This was the last letter received, and no answer came to later letters of inquiry. As Mr. Ashley was then about 80 years old, we believe he died.

FREDRICK W. ASHLEY

Fredrick W. Ashley was a son of Rachel Adams and Geo. Ashley, b in Mansfield, O. Jan 12, 1863. He grew up in Fremont, O. and occasionally visited Milan, O. in his childhood, having written a most vivid description of a torch light parade in Milan during an election.

He graduated 1880 Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, O. B.A. Western Reserve University 1885- M.A. Litt B same University 1935. Studies at Yale, Harvard and New York State Library School.

He m Mary H. Cole of Painesville, O. June 29 1893. Their children were Ruth Maverette (Mrs. Philip Cyrus Gunion) Mary Rachel (Mrs Irving Smetz)

Fredrick W. Ashley was instructor in Latin St. Charles College, Catonsville, Mo. 1886-87, Western Reserve Academy at Hudson, O. 1887-91, Principal of that Institution 1892-97. Librarian Morely Memorial Library, Painesville, O. 1897-98 and went into the Congressional Library at Washington D.C. 1900. There he was Supt. Reading Room 1915-27- Chief Assistant 1927-36, when he retired.

He was Fellow American Library Institute- A.A.A.S.- A.L.A.- Bibliog. Soc. America- Wiegandruck Gesellschaft- D.C. Library Ass.- Delta Upsilon- Presbyterian.

He was the author of the following:-

Catalogue of the John Boyd Thatcher Collection of Incunabula 1915
Three Eras in the Library of Congress 1929
Catalogue of Miscellaneous Books in the Thatcher Collection 1931
The Vollbehr Incunabula and the Book of Books 1934
In Praise of Print 1934
Story of the Vollbehr Collection of Incunabula 1934
History of the Library of Congress 1897-1939
Contributor of several sketches to Dictionary of Am. Biography.
Also any number of short magazine articles.

His home in winter, was 820 Castile Ave, Coral Gables, Fla.
in Summer, Hills Point Rd. Westport, Conn.

He d June 12 1942 aged 79. At that time he was working on a history of the Ashley Family, descendants of James Ashley and Annett Caswell.

CHAPTER II.

THE SECOND GENERATION.

James Ashley and Annett Cassell Ashley had 9 sons and 2 daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and married. The exact order of their births is not yet definitely known but was probably as follows.

1. James Ashley Jr. He was described as being of New Salem, Mass. (the next town east of Shutesbury) in the Shutesbury record of his marriage to Rebecca Sloan Feb 19, 1792. He was living in Shutesbury in 1802 and in Pelham (south of Shutesbury) in 1805. He had several children including Collister, Joel and Salome. He died in 1837. Williams History of the Firelands says James settled in Peru Township, Huron County soon after 1816.

A singular coincidence of names, which happened without the knowledge of the two families concerned, is found among James Junior's descendants; Joel's son Fomer Ashley, (at whose home at Chicago Junction, Huron County, O., I visited) had two sons named Jay Ashley, born Oct 19 1857 and Fred Ashley b June 29, 1861. I met Fred who was a little older than I. While still a young man he went to California to visit some of the Ashleys there and was killed when an excursion boat was destroyed by a boiler explosion.

2. Lucy Ashley, born April 25 1771; married on Oct 8 1792 to Alden Pierce. Their intention of marriage was published at Pelham, Mass. Sept 17 1792.

Alden Pierce was apparently the first of the connection to catch the western fever. He went to Ohio in 1816 to "spy out the land;" and returned to Mass. In 1818 he guided a caravan of the Ashley families to Huron County, Ohio, including my grandfather Ezeriah Ashley's family. My Uncle Baxter Ashley then a boy of nearly 12 years made the journey and when he was an old man he told me about it. (see later under Ezeriah Ashley). Little Baxter was lame at the time with a "white swelling" of the knee

joint which left its effects to the end of his days. In crossing a rivulet Baxter fell in front of Uncle Alden Pierce's ox team, and was very promptly induced to get out of the way by a cut from Alden's long-lashed whip. Pioneering was not a gentle process, and perhaps quick action was necessary to save the boy's life, or limbs from oxen's feet, or the heavy wheels of the covered wagon. But Baxter didn't seem to me to cherish the memory of Alden Pierce, although many years had gone by and Baxter had long been a devout Deacon in the Presbyterian Church when he told me of the forest trip of his boyhood.

Alden Pierce seems to have been of the true pioneer type, for he kept on westward, ending his days in 1841 near Rock Island, Ill., where Lucy, outlived him by 20 years or more, died at the age of over 90 years.

They had four sons, Willard, Alex, Hiram and Alden Jr. Willard Pierce had a son Harvey Pierce from whom I had letters. Harvey had a son Jonathan Pierce and a daughter. This branch of the Alden Pierce family stayed in Ohio, (Peru, Huron County.)

The records of Middleborough, Mass., where James and Annett Ashley were married, tell of another Lucy Ashley who married Aug 31 1775 to a John Pierce born 1732 and who "moved to Skatesbury soon after the Revolution." I have always surmised that this Lucy Ashley might have been a sister of our James Ashley. The coincidence of the names Ashley and Pierce, of places of early residence and place of later residence make this conjecture at least reasonable.

Alden and Lucy Ashley Pierce, lived on what was later known as the Sturges farm in Greenfield Township, Huron County, O. When Lucy's brother Leonard Ashley's family came from Canada to Ohio in 1828, they lived with the Pierces for a time. It was at Lucy's house that her father, James Ashley Sr. died. So that Alden seems to have been generous as well as enterprising. We mustn't put too much weight on that whip-lash.

3. Calvin Ashley, born 1773 or 1774. He died in his 81 year, on July 15, 1854 at the house of his daughter Orpha Ashley Smith at Portageville, Wyoming County, N.Y. Calvin married Matilda Wunn; intention published in Pelham, Mass Oct 14 1797. They had 5 children; Lyman, Lucy, Calvin W, Reuben and Orpha. Lyman went to Belleville, Ontario, where he had a family of 9 children born between 1828 and 1843. I have corresponded with some of them.

4. Luther Ashley born April 1 1775 married Eunice Smith Sept 1 1800. He d Nov 3, 1838 in Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, Ohio. She died March 30 1856. She was the daughter of Job Smith and Eunice McClure Smith, the births of whose 13 children are recorded in the Shutesbury Mass., records. They are buried in the Steuben Cemetery in Huron County, O. Luther Ashley and Eunice Smith, but were married in Shutesbury Mass. and their first two children Gilbert and Nancy were born there. (Nancy was the mother of Miss Fannie G. Spencer of Sandusky, O.) Oldest volume of marriage records in Huron County, O Vol 1 p 5 Hiram Spencer and Nancy Ashley were joined in marriage Dec 31 1818 by Aloise Cole Minister of the Gospel.

About 1804 Luther Ashley moved to Deerfield, Franklin Ct. Mass, about 25 miles west of Shutesbury. In Deerfield were born their children Dexter, Louisa Dennis, Harriet and Emily. A younger son, Smith Ashley was born in Ohio, Dec 22, 1822. Luther was a surveyor and a mill owner. In 1815 he took a trip into Canada in search of better fortune than seemed in prospect in Mass. Not finding it, he went back to Deerfield and in 1817 he and his oldest boy Gilbert Ashley, then in his 16th year followed Alden Pierce to Huron County, O., and bought land. Alden made a trip back to Deerfield that year and guided more of the Ashleys to Ohio, including Warden and his family of 6 children and his wife and Mrs. Luther Ashley and her 6 other children, the oldest boy Gilbert being already in Ohio. Probably the oldest brother James' family came with this party, see note later.

Of Luther Ashley's 8 children, and saw and talked with three, Nancy Spencer in Sandusky, Ohio, Louisa Beers in Steuben, Huron County, O/ and Dennis Ashley also in Steuben

5. Warden Ashley (my grandfather) born Mar 4 1777, married Oct 2 1798 at Leverett Mass, to Susannah Turner died Oct 11 1822 in Greenfield, Huron County, O. As I expect to devote more space to his family than to those of his brothers and sisters, I will defer my account of him and his descendants until I finish what I have to say about the other descendants of great-grandfather James.

6. Anna Ashley married Benjamin Glazier of Leverett, Mass. (a village in Franklin County about halfway between Shutesbury and Deerfield) Mar 29 1801. She later married an Ives and had children named Ives living near Charlotte Michigan when I was a boy.

7. Jarvis Ashley went to Canada and married Dolly McDougal a Nova Scotia girl, sister of Sally McDougal who married Jarvis' brother Leonard Ashley (see later) Jarvis moved to Buffalo N.Y. and died there. He had children; John, Wm., Ann & Maria. Ann married a Webster. Their son Edwin Webster was a prosperous plumber in Detroit Mich. when I was a college boy. Maria, m a Fairchild.

8. Levi Ashley, ran away from home and was never heard from.

9. Phileason Ashley born April 18 1785; m in Deerfield, Mass. Oct 2 1808 to Sylvia Kaste, both of Deerfield. He d Feb 6 1865. Sylvia died Jan 29 1865. They moved to Vermont and spent the greater part of their lives in Washington County, near Waitsfield and Waretown, not far from Montpelier. I corresponded in 1886 with a grandson of Charles D Ashley, who was also living in 1915. I have the names of 86 of Phileason's descendants scattered from Boston, Mass., to Jonesville, Wisconsin. Phileason and Sylvia had 3 sons and 5 daughters between 1812 and 1827

10. Simeon Ashley born in 1787 m Mary Nash. They moved at an early date to Canada, settling at Belleville, Ontario. They had 13 children, 4 boys and 9 girls. The youngest son, Harford Ashley came to Cleveland when I was in College about 1884 or 1885. When I was at Yale he came to New Haven on business in the spring of 1886.

I helped him out in looking after some business connected with the manufacture of a press for making cheese box tops and bottoms out of heavy paper. In his behalf I went to Waterbury, Conn., to see the people who were to make the press and to Milford, Conn., to see a scalesaw who had posed as the maker of presses and had got \$500 of Harford's money.

Harford told me that his grandmother Annett Caswell Ashley was buried at Fredricksburg, Ontario.

11. Leonard Ashley, the youngest, was born about 1790. (I have the date Dec 3 1790, d Jan 31 1873) A history of Huron County, O., says that his mother Annett Caswell Ashley died about 1799. (which hardly agrees with Harford Ashley's statement that she was buried in Ontario. She and her husband are said to have accompanied their son Simeon to Canada. Simeon was only 14 years old in 1799. The history just quoted goes on to say that Leonard, on the death of his mother, went to live with his brother Luther. We know from the town records of Shutesbury that Leonard did not marry until Sept 1 1800. About 1815 Leonard went to Canada (That is probably about the date when Simeon moved to Canada taking his father and mother with him.) In Canada he worked for a man named McDougal whose daughter Sally born in Nova Scotia he married 1815. His brother Jarvis Ashley married Sally's sister Polly McDougal.

Two children were born to Leonard and Sally in Canada. They lived in Toronto or near by. Thomas died in infancy, and James became a Free Will Baptist minister, moved to Michigan and died there leaving 12 children.

In 1822 Leonard left Canada for Huron County, O. where his brother Luther and Hardeen and his sister Lucy Ashley Pierce were now old settlers of 4 years standing. In 1824 his wife Sally and her boy James joined him in Ohio and all made their home for a time with his sister Lucy and her husband Alden Pierce.

About that time came from Canada the father, James Ashley, now an old man, to spend the rest of his days among his Ohio children. He was nearly 80 years of age and we may well imagine that he came with Sally and her little boy. He died about 1828 at Lucy Ashley Pierce's home.

Leonard and Sally had 12 children- Thomas, James, Steward, Sally, John, Luther, William, Allen T. Joseph, Mary, Henry and Daniel. Of these I saw Steward, Mary (wife of Judge G.W. Lewis of Medina, O.) and Allen T. Ashley. Like his brother James, John Ashley became a Free Will Baptist minister. He lived for a time at Hillsdale, Mich.

The sketch of Allen T. Ashley in the Huron County History heretofore mentioned, says that the first five children of Leonard and Sally (Thomas-Jas.-Steward-Sally & John) were born in Canada "On George St and near Toronto."

WARDEN ASHLEY FAMILY

My grandfather Warden Ashley born Mar 4 1777, was married at Leverett, Mass., Oct 3 1799 to Susannah Turner, daughter of Micah Turner and Mary Pratt. The Turners were descended from Humphrey Turner who settled in Scituate, Mass., near Plymouth before 1628. I shall have more to say about the Turners later.

As early as 1806 Warden had moved to Deerfield, Mass. a beautiful, historic old village just west of the Conn. Luther Ashley, Warden's brother, was living in Deerfield at that time; his brother Philemon was married there in 1808. It is possible that others of James Ashley's children lived there. The Huron County History says that Leonard the youngest brother was born there about 1790, but I do not quite credit that statement, altho it is not impossible. Warden and Susannah had 3 children.

Children of Susannah Turner & Warden Ashley

Lewis, 6 unmarried 1834 b in Mass
 Caroline b Apr 29, 1802 "
 Electa b Feb 7 1804 "
 Saxter b Nov 9 1806 in Deerfield, Mass
 Elizabeth b Jan 6 1811 " d Sept 16 1877
 Levi b Nov 7 1812
 George b June 5 1821 d May 26 1822 b in Ohio
 George b Oct 3. 1822 d Mar 23 1905

Caroline Ashley m Abel Halliday and had 7 children. They lived when the children were in their early maturity at Milan, O. Before I came on the field they had all gone West. One of the Halliday girls, Kate, who did not marry, lived in Portland, Michigan, where my sisters Julia and Anna visited her at different times.

Electa Ashley m Jacob Town and had 6 children of whom I saw two, Mary and Nancy, who came to visit us in Fremont when I was a small boy, about 1867 or 1868.

Baxter Ashley had nine children. He lived almost all his life in Milan, O. He was a tailor and later a jeweler. Two of his daughters Sarah and Harriet went as missionaries to India. One of Baxter's grandsons, Harley Baxter Ashley now lives in Washington D.C. He has a married son Jarley Ashley Jr.

Elizabeth Ashley (Aunt Betsy) m James Gamble who died in March 1864. They had two children Levi Gamble and Diantha who died in her first year. The family lived in Walbonding and Warsaw, Coshocton Co. Ohio. Levi had 3 sons younger than I. Aunt Betsy came to visit us in Fremont in 1876, when three of her brothers were also there; Baxter, Levi and my father. These four were all of the Earden Ashley family that I ever saw.

Levi Ashley b in 1812 went to Missouri before the Civil war, m and had 7 children of whom the first three died in infancy. After my father's first wife, Elizabeth Adams died, father moved with his family to Missouri and lived with Levi or near him in hope of bettering his condition, but the Civil War was coming on and he came back to Ohio. That was before I was born of course.

I visited at Uncle Levi's at Kirkwood a few miles of St. Louis in 1886 and 1887, just week ends or a few days. One of his boys, George S. Ashley spent a winter with us at Fremont about the year 1875. In 1885 when I visited Uncle Levi his children George, Edward F., Mary Ashley Tasson and Willis Baxter were all married and had each one child. They were all living in or near St. Louis.

Uncle Levi's wife Susanna Terris (or Ferris) d in 1882 was a southern woman. They had a few slaves. Uncle Levi adopted the Southern view when I saw him he was still an unreconstructed rebel who declined to take the oath of allegiance and consequently could not vote.

CHAPTER III.

COVERED WAGON DAYS.

Having now briefly reviewed the story of my uncles and Aunts and reserving for later telling the story of my father, let us go back to the time when Warden and Susannah Ashley left old Mass., and took the wilderness trail.

We have few historic facts as to actual conditions among the descendants of James Ashley, just before their dispersion from the old home region, but we can be certain from general conditions that they could not have been very prosperous. Mass., was then an old settled land. It was nearly 300 years since the white men began to edge the Indians out of the rich meadows along the rivers. The good farming lands, like the tobacco growing country along the Connecticut, had long since all been occupied by earlier comers. The hills were rocky; and life upon the stony farms was an endless struggle. The James Ashleys, that consisted of 3 persons when established in Franklin County about 1757, by 1816 had grown to 11 families, about 40 persons. Economic pressure began to scatter the tribe, rather than to compact it--for there was abundant room to escape on the north and on the west. The second son, Calvin seems to have been the first to seek new countries. Married in Pelham in 1797 we find him in Vermont in 1799, where his first son, Lyman Ashley was born, "on the Green Mountains" May 13 1799. Later Philemon took his northern trail (after 1803) but he and his tribe remained New England, Washington County, Vt.) Simeon kept on into Canada, and his descendants for the most part there remained, a few of them coming into the States in later years. Leonard the youngest, tried his fortunes at Toronto, still farther west than Simeon, who had settled at Bellville, Hastings County, Ontario, but after a few years joined the larger part of the clan then settled in Ohio.

Stories of the fair prospects in Ohio began to come through the forests to New England, which had large interests there, in the claims of Mass., and Conn., whose loosely drawn and conflicting charters granted them 150 years before by the King of England in blissful ignorance of geography, gave these two states ownership

(on paper) clear to the Pacific Ocean. "To the South Sea" as the Charters said. Mass., abandoned her claim in 1785. In 1786 Conn., gave up all claims to Ohio except a trifling little piece in the N.E. Corner of the State, north of the 41 degree of latitude, reaching 120 miles west from the State line between Penn., and Ohio, containing 3 700 000 acres, more or less. This little piece of Conn. was called the Western Reserve. In 1792 Conn., made a donation of 500 000 acres at the Western end of the Western Reserve to Conn., citizens who had suffered from the depredations of the British in the Revolutionary war. After the esteemed Conn., native Benedict Arnold, turned traitor, the British gave him command of some ships and men, and he amused himself sailing up and down Long Island sound, setting fire to the towns villages inhabited by his old neighbors. The Ohio lands given to the sufferers by fire, were called "The Firelands," situated in Huron and Erie Counties. If the sufferers didn't want to move into the wilderness, they could still take their allotments of firelands and sell them at very low prices to people like the Ashleys who were keen to go.

In 1795 Conn., sold all the rest of her Western Reserve to the Conn., Land Co., an association of about 320 rich Conn., men who paid the State \$1,200,000. for the 3,200,000 acres of woodland in Ohio. That is about 37½ cents per acre. The Land Company intended to sell it at a profit of course, to whoever would buy.

There were certain red gentlemen living in the Ohio wilderness however, whose claims to the woods and rivers antedated even the royal charters given by the Kings of England. They had no intention of moving west; they held very firmly to the belief that Ohio was still a "Land of the noble free," and that they were the free. The perils of Indian warfare followed by the War of 1812 with Great Britain retarded the settlement of the Western Reserve. It was not until 1815 that the machinery of the white man's law reached into Huron County through the establishment of a court. The next year you will remember that Alden Pierce went to Ohio to judge for himself what was the truth of the reports about the forest paradise. The next year Luther Ashley and

his son Gilbert came on from the East and were on hand to look out for Aunt Lucy Ashley Pierce and her family while Alden went back to Deerfield to "round up" the Ashleys and lead them to the new land of home.

One who has traveled over the rocky hills of New England, between the endless stone fences made by heaping up wide rows of rocks collected from the fields, can easily imagine the picture Alden Pierce spread before his brothers-in-law. I remember a walk I took in the hills west of New Haven, Conn., in the spring of 1886. Traveling along a lonely road I came to the most tremendous stone fence I have ever seen- a well built wall about 7 feet high and about an eighth of a mile long. I climbed up to look over. It was flat on top, about six feet wide, made of the boulders and smaller stones culled from the field behind the wall. Two men were at work planting corn. The whole field where they were planting was still covered with loose stones, although that ground had yielded all the materials for the wall, so near together that one could cross the field in any direction without stepping on the soil. Probably for 150 years the owners had been scratching some sort of a living out of the cracks and crannies between those stones, generation after generation.

What wonder is it that Alden Pierce soon mustered a caravan of Ashleys to take the woodland trail, the Old Albany Road out of Deerfield? What pictures he could paint of the rolling woodlands and rich creek bottoms of the Firelands- the thick forests, the huge sycamores, the huge oaks, the sugar maples, the glades full of wild geese, the rivers thick with fish, and the air black with wild pigeons! True stories too. Did I not see with my own eyes, when a small boy at Fremont, the seines drawing fish by the wagon load out of the Sandusky River, just below the State Street bridge- 50 years after the Ashleys migrated? As a little older boy did I not wade in the rapids just below the dam, along with dozens of men and boys, capturing with pitchforks, iron rakes, clubs, any sort of weapon, the "red horse" and "suckers" on their sad journey to the spawning places upstream? Haven't I seen huge flocks of birds on their way south in the fall- -flocks miles long?

What mattered it to the pioneer if fields were to be chopped and grubbed out of the forests and thickets, if logs had to be rolled and burned before corn could be planted, so long as one could bring down a fat deer by a shot from the dooryard to furnish meat for the table, and a deerskin coat for the back? If the forest had first to be exterminated before the ground would yield bread, that ground would in the process of extermination of its burden of timber, give up the materials for houses at the price of nothing but hard work. One could put black walnut beams into his house, (such as were used for joists in our old house at Fremont) timber that would be priceless today.

No wonder then that Warden Ashley and Susannah Turner, his wife, heard these voices from the west, nor that they gave up grubbing among the rocks, and packed their belongings and their six children (the oldest was 17 the youngest 5) into a covered wagon and left the beautiful old shaded streets of Deerfield for the far country where the primeval forest was to be bought for \$2. an acre!

It was going to take 6 weeks to make the trip, so they knew they were separating forever from their old friends and neighbors. There would be no more going over to Mother's in Leverett for a week or so. Railroads were undreamed of; the telegraph hadn't been imagined; the postal service did not exist; Aunt Lucy's telephone number would not be in the book for a long time to come. So they tried to take along as many of their kin as could be persuaded to go.

It would save a lot of homesickness and loneliness if they could transplant their brothers and sisters and cousins as well as some of the rose bushes out of the old Deerfield garden. So Warden's family (himself and wife and 6 children) Luther's wife and 6 children, (Luther and his oldest boy were already in Ohio) probably James, his wife and 4 children, with Lucy's husband, Alden Pierce, as leader and possibly Susannah Turner Ashley's brother Levi, (for his family were old-time residents in Milan) set out from Deerfield- 20 or more persons.

I wish we could follow their course as they moved slowly along the "Old Albany Road" out of Deerfield, followed the Mohawk trail through the Berkshire hills and the Hoosac Mountains, and on into New York State. Perhaps they crossed the Hudson at Troy on Ashley's Ferry, (prior to 1785 Troy was known as Aleheys Ferry). Perhaps they called at Ashley's Tavern on River St at the corner of Ferry St, for Capt. Stephen Ashley of the Robert Ashley line had kept a famous old tavern there. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison both stopped there in May 1791. It had a three sided box sign that turned with the wind, and bore this invitation, "Come, here is Ashley's, let us Call.", and high above the street, suspended from a horizontal bar was a small gate, upon which was painted in large letters, "This gate hangs high, It hinders none, Refresh, then pay, and travel on."

If our caravan passed through Troy (and that was on their direct line) they must have crossed Ashley's Ferry- but Captain Stephen Ashley, himself, was gone- he died in 1814. We know they passed through Buffalo, 300 long miles west of Troy, for at Buffalo they shipped part of their goods by lake boat to Huron and continued their journey in their covered wagons through the new settlements along the lake.

I wish we could camp over night with them on a few of the 40 nights or more they spent on the journey, (it took six weeks.) We may be sure the men and older boys kept their eyes open for wild game as they traveled, so that the pot over the camp fire at night would hold a savory stew. The grown ups walked most of the way- it was easier than riding over corduroy roads. Sometimes the grass at the camping spots was scarce. Uncle Saxter told me they had to cut down small trees for "browse" for the cattle. Can't you smell the smoke of their camp fires? Can't you see the boys- little scouts, on the watch for everything of interest? What fun to roll up in a blanket and sleep out under the stars! The last few days were no doubt full of excitement, for Huron County was still the wilderness. There were a few clearings five or six years old, a few scattered families living in log cabins. There were also bears, and a good many wolves. There is an authentic story of one of the neighbors escaping from a flock of 30 wolves by taking

refuge in a cabin, where he was kept prisoner all night by his yelping, howling pursuers who were hungry and yearning to taste him. That was in the neighborhood of our Ashley settlement and later than their arrival on the scene. My father told of hearing the wolves howling while he and other school boys were on their way home from school in the winter evening. Father was not born until 7 years after the Ashleys arrived in Huron County, and he of course did not go to school for at least 5 or 6 years more. There were wolves in Huron County after 1830 according to the stories told at the meetings of the old settlers.

Aunt Lucy Pierce had a son Alexander Pierce (my father's first cousin) who married Polly Curtis of Leverett, a girl of 17, and brought her to Ohio in 1816. They settled in Peru Township, the next town east of Greenfield. During Polly's first summer in Ohio, she took her little dog and went through the dense forest to visit her mother in law in Greenfield. The family gave her some good eatables to take home with her. When she was about a mile from her own cabin on the return trip, a huge bear put in an appearance, intent on getting a meal, either cooked food, raw dog, or Polly Pierce. Polly decided she would try to save all she had. So she caught up the dog, crouching in fear at her feet, and ran for dear life with the provisions under one arm and the dog under the other. She got home safe with a very slender margin to spare, for the distance between her and the bear was small when she slammed the door in his face. Alexander Pierce lived 20 years after that time, and Polly survived him by 29 years. She died in Peru Sept 26 1865 in her 67 years. She is said to have been a rare character with an inexhaustable store of reminiscences of pioneer days. She had 3 sons and one daughter.

CHAPTER IV.

THE TURNER ANCESTRY.

Such was the strange environment into which Warden and Susannah Ashley brought their young family in the fall of 1817, fresh from Deerfield which was an old, long-settled place as such things are counted in America. For a time the families of Luther and Warden lived together in a double log house until another could be made for Warden, a short distance east of Greenfield Center (Steuben Village).

Two more children were born; George who died in May 1822 and then another George, my father, born Oct 3 1822. It was a common practice in those days to name a child for its deceased brother or sister.

Then came tragedy into the wilderness home. The father was killed, his chest crushed by the kick of a horse. He lived a few days in great suffering and then died Oct 11, 1822. While he lay dying at one end of the room, Grandmother Susannah and her week old baby (my father) were helpless in bed at the other end of the cabin. So she was left with a large family to rear, the oldest girl now twenty-two. Her main reliance, was her son Baxter, then 17 years old. Six of the seven children grew to maturity and raised families of their own. The oldest died unmarried in 1834, the youngest, my father, survived all the others, dying in 1905 in his 83 year.

Grandmother Ashley came of the stout-hearted old New England stock. This is as good a place in the story as any to tell her ancestry. She was a lineal descendant of:

1. Humphrey Turner and his wife Lydia Garner, who came from England to Plymouth Mass., in 1628, and settled in Scituate, Mass., where the turner name still persists. Their second son,
2. John Turner married April 25 1649 Ann James and had nine children, of whom the 6th was
3. Jacob Turner, b March 10, 1667 m Jane Vining in Weymouth Mass. in 1692. They had 7 children of whom the 6th was
4. Micah Turner b July 8 1710 m Bethiah Allen 1734. They had 11 children of whom the 8th was
5. Micah Turner Jr b May 31 1752 m Jan 16, 1779 Mary Pratt. They had 10 children, the 2nd being,

6. Susannah Turner, b in Weymouth, Mass July 14 1761
m Zarden Ashley Oct 8 1793.

Grandmother Susannah Turner Ashley's father, Micah Turner Jr. was a soldier of the Revolution, serving about 18 months. The details of his service (place and dates) are given in the book entitled "Mass Soldiers in the Revolution." Her own name and date of birth are in the printed "Genealogy of the Descendants of Humphrey Turner" printed in 1852.

I have also learned the following facts, not found in the Turner Genealogy.

Bethiah Allen (mother of Micah Turner Jr. and wife of Micah St) was the daughter of Nehemiah Allen of Bridgewater Mass., and his wife Sarah Horase, whom he married in 1707. Nehemiah born in 1680 was the son of Samuel Allen Sr b 1632 d 1703 and Sarah Partridge whom he married in 1658.

Samuel Allen b 1632 was the son of Samuel Allen and his wife Ann. He was a deacon and was the second person to hold the office of Town Clerk of Bridgewater; his work in that office being notable for the fulness and perfection of his records. His father Samuel Allen of Braintree, Mass. d Aug 5 1669, and his mother Ann Allen d Sept 29, 1641.

Sarah Partridge Allen, mother of Nehemiah Allen was born 1639 married 1653 she was the oldest daughter of George Partridge of Duxbury Mass., and his wife Sarah Tracy, who were married in 1638. There is a printed Genealogy of the George Partridge family published in 1915.

George Partridge came from Kent County, England to Duxbury before 1636. He was a member of the famous Captain Miles Standish' Military Company and his will was witnessed by Alexander and Josiah Standish who were sons of Capt. Miles Standish.

Sarah Tracy, wife of George Partridge was the daughter of Stephen and Triphosa Tracy who were married in Leyden, Holland Jan 2 1621, and came to Plymouth Mass., in the ship "Ann" in 1623. Stephen Tracy went back to England in 1655 and lived at Great Yarmouth, at the time he made his will.

Every person has had two parents and four grandparents, eight great grandparents, sixteen, great, great grandparents and so on upward, doubling each generation in the ascending scale back into the past. Stephen Tracy was my great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather, but I also had 127 other male ancestors in his generation and 128 female ancestors of that generation. Besides Stephen and Triphosa Tracy I had 254 other great, great, great, great, great, great grandparents, my children had twice as many, and my grandsons four times as many. I scarcely expect to learn who they all were. No matter what we can any of us learn about our ancestors there is a vastly greater amount of vanished fact that can never be recovered from the past.

In the 300 years since the Pilgrims Stephen and Triphosa Tracy were married in Leyden, there have been 13 generations from Stephen to my grandson Fredric Ashley Cunion, counting only direct ancestors (excluding brothers, and sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins). The first 12 generations behind him, Fredrick A. Cunion, include 2046 persons whose blood mingles in the person of the youngest in the line. If we push the calculation back another 300 years to the time of Robert Bruce and King Edward II the total number of ancestors who have contributed something of good or evil to a child of today equals 5,434,302 (counting both parents, all 4 grandparents etc and assuming no intermarriages). Go only half way back to the time of Christ and the number runs into billions. When one begins to think about his "taking after" this or that grand parent, he may well come to ask himself, "Who am I anyhow?"

CHAPTER V.

A BOY IN OLD OHIO.

Let us leave "the innumerable throng" of our remote ancestors to the kindly oblivion into which they have long since faded, while we try to rescue from oblivion a few of the scenes and incidents surrounding the boyhood of my father, "Grandpa Ashley" as you knew him.

A fatherless boy before his tenth day of life. His sisters Caroline and Electa were 20 and 13 years older than he, and probably were married while he was still a small child. His brother Baxter 16 years older, was of the old type of his Puritan ancestors, stern, religious, severe, doubtless made graver by the hardships and responsibilities that his father's death placed on his young shoulders.

When I first got acquainted with Uncle Baxter, he was a figure of awe to me, and an old man in his 80's. Two or three times when I was a boy he came to see us in Fremont. He lived in Milan about 30 miles or so distant, and the whole house from attic to cellar was set in order at his coming; although he never staid overnight and didn't act like an inspector, but such was the feelings he inspired that "each minute and unseen thing," beneath our roof had to be polished if we had any advance notice of his coming.

Aunt Betsy was father's favorite sister, though he never said so. She was nearer his age (11 years older) and she must have had some of the care of him when he was a baby. Then he, as an apprentice boy of 15, couldn't stand his "boss" any longer, it was to his sister Betsy that he fled for refuge, making the trip of 180 miles from Huron on Lake Erie to her home in Walkonding in Coshocton County, on foot and alone.

One earlier story about Betsy has come down. It probably happened before father was born. While the land was being cleared, fire was the pioneer's chief helper. There were few sawmills and no market at all for lumber. So timber that would be priceless today, was burned to get it out of the way. Logs and stumps were turned into ashes and the ashes were leached and the lye boiled down to make "black salts" or crude potash. Potash could be sold for cash. So around the log cabin there was generally a fire somewhere, and in the summer it was convenient to hang the dinner pot over these outside fires.

One day the pot was hanging over two logs, the fire between the logs. Aunt Betsey, then a little girl, went to put some greens in the pot, and stepped up on one of the logs to reach the pot. The log rolled a little and her bare foot slipped down into the fire between the logs which then rolled together and held her foot. Some one heard her screams and ran to her rescue, but she limped for many months.

Father's school days were all spent in log school houses. Of course there were no stoves. Big fireplaces did what they could to warm the winter morning air, and oiled paper in the windows served instead of glass. A punishment much in favor with the teachers was to split a stick for part of its length and fasten it on the nose of small offenders. The bigger boys got something more severe. One of father's teachers was a one-legged man who went about on two crutches. Some of the boys thought it would be easy to "lick" this cripple, but when one of them came at him in school, a crutch came suddenly against the side of the young warrior's head and there was peace in the school house all the rest of the term.

The trip home from school in the winter twilight had thrills of its own. School "kept" late in those times for it wasn't easy to raise the money to pay even the scanty wages of the teacher, so they made the school day about as long as the daylight lasted. Even down to my own school days our "readers" contained a favorite selection that began thus:

"Hear the children laugh and shout!

Half past four and school is out!"

I believe three o'clock

is the limit nowadays isn't it?

But in 1830 it was probably dark on many a winter evening before the children finished the two mile trip home from school, through the woods. And many a time they heard the wolves long "aou-oo-oo-oo-oo," and drew closer together and ran along the snowy path in the winter twilight.

There was one loa-down neighbor who thought it great sport to hide in the thickets and imitate the wolf's howl, until he was caught in the act and persuaded by angry fathers to seek some other form of diversion than scaring little children.

Amusements were not varied, but no doubt the pioneers old and young, got a good deal of fun out of life. Father used to tell of sliding down hill in winter, using his coon-skin cap for a sled. And about the country dances where (in the absence of even a violin) the music was furnished by a noted loud voiced singer who reeled off a jingle of meaningless syllables to which the young folks danced. This jingle always ended with "ling a ling, ling a ling, ling a ling lang."

But no doubt there was just as much hilarity and high spirits at these barn dances as can be called forth now by the classic strains of "Raggedy Ann" or "Last night on the back porch", jigged out by a jass jews-harp orchestra.

Hunting and fishing must have furnished Paddy many a day of joy in his boyhood. There was a famous Pigeon Roost in Barron County, still famed in story and mentioned in the books, where thousands of these wild birds came at night to roost. Father used to tell about trips to the Pigeon Roost. Nutting must have been wonderfully good. When I was 16 years old I gathered 9 bushels of hickory nuts one fall. We had a good number of hickory trees on our place at Fremont and Birdsey's Grove of 5 acres was almost across the road from us. So the nutting 50 years before my day must have been "rich pickings."

One October when Paddy was 13 or 14 (about 1835) the attractions of the forest must have been irresistible, for the school teacher passing Grandmother Ashley's one evening stopped to ask why George hadn't been to school for the last two weeks. This was news to Grandmother who had started George off each morning with a good lunch in his basket. George graduated from school right then. He was forthwith apprenticed, indentured, "Bound out" they called it, to a carpenter and builder.

That was the common practice in those days. The Master agreed in writing to teach the boy his trade, to feed, clothe and house him until he was 21 years old and then to furnish him with a new suit of clothes and a small sum of money (say \$5). The parent or guardian contracted to surrender his natural rights to the boys time and labor. The boy had nothing to say in the matter.

Whatever else is to be said for the system it produced in many cases a much higher grade of workmanship than is commonly found today. The hours of service were long - it was before the ten hour laws were passed; but food was abundant for all classes of society in those times. There were few rich and few poor. Every one dressed plainly in the Ohio of the 30's and 40's.

The master had a large interest in transforming his apprentice into first class skilled workmen. That is what happened in father's case. He learned the business thoroughly. It was before the days of machinery - there were no steam driven planes and wood working machines. Everything had to be made by hand; all mouldings, all the parts of doors, windows, sash, blinds, all the mortices dug out with chisels. Nails were hand made. Even the wire staples that hold blind sash to the rod by which all the sash are made to turn at once.

I saw a large house in Walbonding or near it, for which father made by hand all the blind staples. He was engaged on churches, on the ornamental work of ships cabins. In time he came to own a factory of his own in Milan, in which machinery did the work of many men. During my childhood and in all the remainder of his active life he had charge of the men in the two principal "sash and blind" factories of Fremont.

But he did not become a master of his trade without having his troubles. He did not finish his term with his first boss. They were at work at Huron, on Lake Erie, when George disappeared. I never heard just what his grievances were, but homesickness no doubt was a big factor. Without any "good byes" he set out on foot for his sister Betsy, then Mrs. James Casble, living in Walbonding in Coshocton Ct. About 180 miles south east of Huron. Early in the journey he lost his pocketbook and had less than a dollar in change to provision the trip, so that his diet was limited to crackers for most of the way, and there were few crackers on the last day.

Coming into Mansfield, the county seat of Richland County, after dark, he found an empty stage coach standing in front of a tavern in the Public Square. In this he found his bed for the night and left at daybreak before the horses were hitched up for another stage. He arrived at Aunt Betsy's

one evening about sunset, almost "all in." I think he was about 15 years old.

James Gamble kept the tavern at Walhonding but he was quite a politician and Betsy, a hard worker, did most of the tavern keeping, while James ran for office and electioneered. He was a member of the old legislature and later a member of the State Board of Public Works. He was a handsome, genial fellow and Betsy idolized him. After his hair began to turn gray, he and Betsy would retire from public view for an hour or so, about once a month, and when they reappeared, Uncle Jim would be a young man with the blackest of black hair, through some magic of Aung Betsy's.

CHAPTER VI.

THE GEORGE ASHLEY FAMILY.

I don't know how long Daddy's first visit in Walbonding lasted. He had another loss of his own selection afterwards and finished learning his trade, but at various times he was engaged about the tavern, keeping the books; he worked at building in that neighborhood too. Dates have vanished beyond recovery, but Patsy was married to James Gamble in 1833, and it was probably about 1837 when Daddy ran away from Huron to see her. In 1835 there had come to Walbonding from Guernsey County, Ohio, John Adams and his family; Margaret Donley, his wife, and their son William and three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Rachel. Elizabeth was just as old as Daddy (a few months older) Rachel was 3 years younger.

Walbonding, a little village at the junction of the Walbonding and the Kokosing Rivers (better known in these days as the White House River and Owl Creek) was not so large a place that one couldn't get acquainted with the entire population in the course of time. The Adams girls were handsome as well as good, and it came to pass that on May 3 1844, George Ashley and Elizabeth Adams were married, he not quite 32 years old and she just three weeks past 32. They went to live in Milan in Erie Co. where Uncle Baxter Ashley and his family had been established for some years.

Grandmother Susannah Turner Ashley lived at Baxter's at least toward the end of her life (she died in 1855) and her brother Levi Turner and his family also lived in East Milan. Father lived near the Turners in East Milan and there his first four children were born; Julia F. Ashley born Jan 9 1849, died Nov 6 1893; Anna F. Ashley born July 19 1850 died Dec 13, 1915; Velma C. Ashley born June 25 1858 died January 5 1924; Viola M. Ashley born June 15 1862 died June 13 1919; Jay Ashley born Feb 25 1863, died Sept 12 1906. Their mother, Elizabeth Adams Ashley, died at Milan, Ohio, March 8 1869.

Her death was a heavy loss. Father seems to have felt that he could not stay in the scene where he had lived with her. He sold his factory and his home and took his family to Missouri where his brother Levi Ashley

was living. Elizabeth's sister, Rachel Adams (my mother) who had come from her father's home in Coshocton County to care for her sister's motherless children, went to Missouri with them. She and father were married in Missouri in April 1861.

The Levi Ashblys lived some miles west of St. Louis and when they went in to the city to "shop" they drove along the road on which old General Bent, the father-in-law of U.S. Grant lived. Grant, himself, having resigned his captivity in the regular army in 1854 was living there and occasionally driving a load of cord wood to St. Louis to sell, but neither he nor any one else was dreaming of his being in command of a million soldiers within 5 years and becoming President of the United States within 10 years. Our people did not know of his existence, but they knew about General Bent. Grant's wife was Julia Bent and their oldest boy was Fredrick Bent Grant.

The Missouri episode in our family history was not fortunate. The country was in suspense on account of the slavery question; business was dull and building at a standstill. As the war clouds darkened father realized that a border state like Missouri was no place for a Northern Man with a family of young children to provide for. He had been a life long Democrat but he had no sympathy with the position that party was taking in 1860.

His brother Levi with his southern wife who had inherited from her father some slaves, was now a southerner himself. It is the usual thing for the converts to a cause, be it religious or political, to be more intense in their zeal and devotion than those born into the creed. As I found Uncle Levi (when I visited him in 1886 at his home at Kirkwood, Mo.) still unreconstructed, still refusing to take the oath of allegiance to his country, I can readily see that he must have been a difficult neighbor for his northern brother in the fall of 1860. In the township where they lived Abraham Lincoln received just one vote at his first election to the Presidency

So father decided to get back to Ohio. The family passed through St. Louis on their homeward journey on the day of the St. Louis riots, occasioned by the capture of Camp Jackson and its rebel forces, on the edge of the city. History says that happened on May 10, 1861.

The first abiding place of the returned travelers was Mansfield, Ohio, where I was born. The Missouri adventure, with its two years of very small income, and its heavy travelling and moving expenses from Ohio and back again, had consumed all the proceeds of the sale of the Milan property. The sojourn in Mansfield was not very long and during a part of it father seems to have been away from home looking for work and for an opening for a permanent location. The move to Fremont happened when I was too young to remember it or anything about Mansfield.

George Ashley and Rachel Adams had 5 children;
Fredrick W. born Jan 12 1863 in Mansfield, O.
Lizzie b April 17 1864 d Jan 27 1866
Nat born Jan 14 1866 d Mar 6 1909
Margaret b Aug 24 1868
Blanche b Mar 6 1870
Mother died June 10 1902 aged 74 years 10 months

The following tombstone records from Milan Cemetery are here added to the record of Fredrick William Ashley by Marjorie Loomis Cherry.

Adams, Elizabeth d. 1883 ae 78 dau of John Krebs of Germany
Rev. H. (not named)
Mrs. Mary A d 1907 ae 85 born Washington Pa-wife
of William Adams.
John C. d 1882 ae 76 b Nash Pa- son of Nathan & Mary
Auber Adams
Sarah d 1854 ae 96
William d 1901 ae 79
Ashley, Baxter d 1892 ae 86
Elizabeth dau of Hesel Wakefield, Clyde, O.
Hilda Wallbridge Varnit d 1938 ae 81
Elizabeth Adams, wife of George Ashley d 1859 ae 36
Henry d 1908 ae 60
Laran d 1835 son of Baxter
Marcel Minerva Sturdevant 1885 ae 73 wife of Baxter
Sarah wife of Baxter d 1855 ae 24
Susan (Susannah Turner) wife of Warden Ashley d
1855 ae 74
William d 1934 ae 79

CHAPTER VII

THE ADAMS ANCESTRY.

What of the Adamases? The surrender of her maiden name upon her marriage works a sort of injustice to the wife and her descendants. Family histories and family records usually follow a single line only, the husband's. And so after about the second or third generation the female ancestry drops out of the record. Children inherit as much of character and personality from their mothers as from their fathers. We are just as much Adamases by nature as we are Ashleys; just as much Turners and Donleys as we are Ashleys and Adamases; just as much Fratts, Caswells and Browns, Allens, Vinings, Tracy's and Partridges.

Elizabeth and Rachel Adams, the first and second wives of George Ashley, were the daughters of John Adams and Margaret Donley. John Adams, my grandfather was the son of Isaac Adams (of Ann Arundel County, Md) and a Scotch mother whose name has not come down to us. He was born in 1792. His father died when John was a young boy, and he was cared for by his Uncle George Adams until he was 15 years old. About the year 1807 two others uncles Isaac Jr and Thomas Adams emigrated to Jefferson County, O., and young John went with them. Four years later, Sept 21 1812, he was enrolled as a private soldier in Capt. Thomas Latta's Company of Ohio Militia, and served 6 months in the Harrison Campaign until he was discharged March 21 1813 at Lower Sandusky, (Presmont) Ohio. When he was nearly 80 years old he was granted a pension for this service and allowed 160 acres of bounty land out in Kansas. As he was too old to begin pioneer life on the prairies in 1871 he sold his warrant. 406972

On Feb 8 1818 he married Margaret Donley in Jefferson County, Ohio, where their children (5) were all born.

William Adams b Mar 2 1820 & Ann McCullough no children
Elizabeth Adams b Apr 12 1822
Rebecca Adams b Sept 8 1824 & 1876 unmarried
Rachel Adams b Aug 10 1827
Margaret Adams b 1830 & 1833

In 1833 the family moved to Guernsey County, O., but after about a year, moved again to West Bedford township, Coshocton County, where (except for the years 1835 to 1844 spent in Valhonding) all but Elizabeth and Rachel spent the remainder of their lives.

When I was 9 years old, Mother took my sister Margaret and me to visit the Coshocton County relatives, the Adamses, the Donleys and the Gambles. It was mother's first visit to her girlhood home since 1859. Grandmother Adams had been dead some years. But I saw Grandfather Adams, Aunt Rebecca, Uncle William and his wife (Aunt Ann McCullough) They all lived in a double house in West Bedford. Not far away lived mother's uncle Joseph Donley and his family and in another direction, but within a mile or so, mother's cousin Mary Ann (Humphrey) Norris. Mary Ann's husband (Elias Norris) and uncle Joe Donley's wife (Deborah Norris Donley, "Aunt Betty") were brother and sister. We visited at both their homes.

For me, who had known no country but the flat lands of Sandusky County, West Bedford was the land of romance. The big hills, clear fishing brooks, the wonderful springs gushing from the rocks, the huge boulders, wide valley views from the hilltops, all left unforgettable memories with me. There was channel coal in the hills and grandfather had a coal bank on his place that furnished his winter fuel- a horizontal shaft with a track and a car to bring out the coal.

Grandmother Adams parents were William Donley and Rachel Brown. They lived in Penn., on Conococheague Creek (which they called Kenaygojig) about a days journey from Hagerstown, Maryland. William Donley was a sicklesmith. On the advice of George Humphrey, one of the framers of Ohio's first Constitution, he came to Ohio in 1805 and built Sickles mill on Short Creek in Jefferson County. He spent his last years at the home of a daughter in Element County.

The Donleys were Scotch-Irish. William's grandfather and his two boys came from Ireland on a ship which was wrecked on the Atlantic Coast. Tradition says that all on board but these three were drowned. In the morning the older boy carried the other on his back while their father hunted for the dead. The father stepped into a quick sand and was lost. One of the two boys was William Donley's father.

William had a family of 9 children, 4 boys, and 5 girls, of whom Grandmother, Margaret was the second child and oldest daughter. Uncle Joe was the youngest of the nine. One of Uncle Joe's grandsons, Judge Donley died this past year in Billings Montana.

Here ends my brief sketch of the Ashley's. I have stopped short of the present generation, who can tell their own story better than I, for they know it as no one else does. I have not included here by any means all that my note books hold regarding the descendants of James Ashley's children, other than Warden. I have the names of some hundreds of them. Should I ever come to the point of printing the story, I shall include them all. But that is a costly venture and few are interested enough to ask the question, "Who are my ancestors?"

Signed

Fredrick F Ashley
Washington D.C.

May 29 1924

ASHLEY FAMILY

Jas Ashley Sr b about 1743 at _____ Mass.
 d in Greenfield, O 1828 m Feb 17 1767 to
 Annett Caswell of Middleborough, Mass. She d in
 Fredricksburg, Ont. sometime before 1824.

Children of Annett Caswell & James Ashley

Jas. Jr m Rebecca Sloan in 1792

Calvin b 1773 or 4 m Estilda Munn

Levi, ran away

Philemon b April 18 1785, m Sylvia Keete 1808 lived in Vt.

Lacy b 1771 m Alden Pierce of Mass. lived on Sturges

farm Greenfield Township, Huron Ct. O.

Luther b 1775 m Eunice Smith, also lived in Greenfield, O.

Warden b 1777 m Susannah Turner

Simeon b 1787 m Mary Nash, moved to Canada

Anna m Benjamin Glazier, second a man named Ives

Jemis m Dolly McDougal lived in Canada

Leonard b 1790 m Sally McDougal lived in Canada, came
 to Ohio 1822

CHILDREN OF WARDEN ASHLEY AND SUSANNAH TURNER

Lewis d unmarried 1834

Caroline m Abel Halliday she was b Apr 29 1802

Electa m Jacob Toen or Towr

Baxter b 1806 m Sarah Wilbur and then Marcia Minerva
 Sturdevant, lived in Milan O

Patsy m Jas Gasble

Levi b Nov 7 1812, moved to St Louis Mo.

George b Jan 5 1821 d May 26 1822

George b Oct 3 1822 d Mar 23 1905

CHILDREN OF DOLLY MC DOUGAL AND JEMIS ASHLEY

Anna m _____ Webster

Maria

Jas.

John

Will, lived in California

CHILDREN OF REBECCA SLOAN & JAS. JR ASHLEY

Collister

Calona who m Wm McKelvey of Greenfield O.

Joel H.

CHILDREN OF SYLVIA KEET & PHILEMON ASHLEY

3 sons and 5 daughters

Dexter and Charles the only names known lived in Vt.

CHILDREN OF MATILDA MUNN & CALVIN ASHLEY

Calvin Jr.
 Reuben, lived in New York
 Orpha
 Lucy
 Lyman (these are all the names known, but there
 may have been more.)

CHILDREN OF EUNICE SMITH & LUTHER ASHLEY

Gilbert b 1801 m Roxana Shout
 Nancy m Hiram Spencer (descendants in Sandusky, O.)
 Abigail m Newberry
 Louisa m Nathan Beers, lived in Greenfield, O.
 Jennie m Lauraia Bliss
 Harriet m Martin Smith
 Sally m Erastus Smith
 Smith m Selly Call
 Dexter

CHILDREN OF NANCY ASHLEY & HIRAN SPENCER

Erastus Smith m Asanda Childs
 Charlott Louisa m Henry A. Bankleas
 Augustus L m Laura Barker
 Asanda Eunice m Ansel H. Gale (lived in Sandusky, O.)
 Lyman A m Anna Sturgis- second Martha Ellen Cami
 Hiram Franklin m Mary F. Wilson
 Burton F m Alice Butternorth, second Lizzie Miller
 Harriet Annett m Fover J Miller
 Theodore F m Mary Samern
 Fanny Gale living in Sandusky O 1934

CHILDREN OF LOUIA ASHLEY & NATHAN BEERS

Mary Phelps m L.N. Gibbs lived in California
 Augusta Maria m Isaac Barling
 Nathan m Ellen Conklin

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LETTERS OF FREDRICK E. ASHLEY

Washington D.C. July 1, 1927

Dear Cousin:

Yours of June 28th at hand. In Francis B. Trowbridge's History of the descendants of Robert Ashley of Springfield, published in 1896, there is a footnote on page 108, referring to Luther Ashley, son of Samuel, which says - "He is confused in Sheldon's History of Deerfield, with another of the same name who belonged to a family of Ashleys not descended from Robert Ashley of Springfield."

In the Appendix to Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Vol 2 p 297 is a correction of Sheldon's mistatement about our Luther reading thus;

"Ashley 14
was son of James b April 1 1775. He m Sept 1 1800
Eunice, dau of Job Smith."

Our Luther emigrated from Deerfield to Ohio with his family and with several of his brothers and their families. When I was in my 20's I became interested in the family history and made a visit to the original habitat of the family in Huron County where I saw several of his children, including your ancestress Louisa Ashley Deers, her brother Uncle Ben and her sister Nancy Ashley Spencer, then living in Sandusky (whose daughter Fannie G Spencer you may know or have known. She was long in business there) From them I got family records, long, long before I knew about George Sheldon or Deerfield, whom I afterward saw and consulted with.

In 1907 I made a pilgrimage to the earlier homes of the family in Deerfield, Leverett and Shutesbury in Franklin County, Mass. At Shutesbury I copied from the town records the records of Luther Ashley and his wife Eunice, daughter of Job Smith and their first two children (one of the two being Nancy Ashley Spencer named above) also the birth records of all the 12 children of Job Smith and his wife, Eunice McClure Smith, the fifth child being Eunice Smith born Oct 10 1781. Her marriage to Luther Ashley on Sept 1 1800 is recorded in the same book. Her brother Samuel was married to Polly Cowles on that same day.

There is no room for any uncertainty or confusion in the face of the original records. All the uncertainty in the past grew out of old Mr. George Sheldon's "guess". A branch of the Robert Ashley family had been settled in Deerfield since 1731. Mr. Sheldon found on the town records the Luther Ashleys (who had moved in about 1804 from Shutesbury. My Grandfather and his brother Calvin also lived in Deerfield about that time. Our Ashleys all pulled up stakes after a few years, Calvin going to Vermont, where his descendants still abide, Simeon going to Bellville, Ontario, where many of his descendants yet dwell, the others to Ohio.) Knowing nothing about any other Deerfield Ashleys when he wrote his book in 1895, Sheldon tucked Luther, son of James on to Samuel of Westfield, later of Claremont, N.H. He promptly corrected the mistake when presented with the Ohio records.

Our Ashleys coming to Deerfield about 1804 all left within 18 years, leaving no trace except their names on the town records. The other Ashleys remained in Deerfield and are there yet. I have visited them several times and they have visited us in Washington 1918, George Sheldon was a resident of Deerfield when I met him in his old age.

I have no records of the ancestry of either James Ashley, or Job Smith or their wives. Jas Ashley is described in the Middleborough Mass. record of his marriage as of Taunton.

The Taunton town records were burned when the town hall burned about 25 years ago. He came there from Southeastern Mass, where hundreds of Ashleys (not related to Robert) are still living. In fact New Bedford, Mass not far from Taunton is the home today of probably more Ashleys than any other place in the world. The city directory having in it the addresses of 75 Ashleys.

Two of Luther Ashley's daughters married Smiths. Harriet m Martin Smith and her sister Emily m Erastus Smith. Luther's youngest son, born in Ohio was named Smith Ashley.

It is wonderful what an amount of the past can be restored by patient digging; but it takes time and the opportunity to visit the old places.

Sincerely yours,
Fred W. Ashley

JOB SMITH

From History of the Connecticut Valley

Vol 2 p 760 we learn that Job Smith was Selectman from Shutesbury in 1783.

CHILDREN OF EUNICE McCLURE AND JOB SMITH

from the Shutesbury Mass. town records p 101

Hannah b Oct 27 1767

Jas Smith b June 23 1774

Samuel b Oct 20 1777

Noah b Mar 24 1780

Eunice b Oct 10 1781

Louisa b Aug 30 1783

Nancy b (no month written in the record) 20 1786

Job b Oct 6 1786

Polly b May 28 1788

Jas b Dec 13 1789

Justis b Nov 24 1792

Leonard b Aug 3 1794

Stoughton b April 30 1798 (? written after this year)

signed

T. Kibby, Town Clerk

My record has the following additional data after these names, but whether these facts are on the Shutesbury Record I do not now recall.

Samuel b Oct 20 1777 married to Polly Cowls Sept 1 1800
by Elder Jos Smallidge

Eunice b Oct 10 1781 married to Luther Ashley Sept 1 1800

Job b Oct 6 1786 m to Lydia Haskins of New Salem, intention published in Shutesbury Sept 18 1808

Job Smith Sr. died April 15 1813.

These births seem to have been recorded all at one time, as was sometimes done when efforts were being made to get a complete record. Where the children were born does not appear on the record. The date (incomplete) given for Nancy seems also incorrect. Compare it with Job's date

Washington D.C.
July 26, 1927

Dear Cousin:-

Yours of July 23, 27 at hand. I send what I have regarding Job Smith's family. Where he was born I know not. To trace him farther back may be a difficult, perhaps impossible task.

The Shutesbury records have not been printed so far as I know. Shutesbury is one of the poor hill towns, high up, rocky, rather barren, remote from the main traveled roads. Almost a hundred years ago it had a series of desolating fires that destroyed the business of the village center. Insurance Companies decline to give protection. The energetic youth moved away. The residents keep things looking decent, but it was a pathetic place to me 20 years ago. I get an invitation every year to come to Old Home Day, but as I (in the persons of my grandparents) moved west about 40 years before I was born, I would be a total stranger if I "went back." So I don't go. The stage road from the railroad winds up the valley of a brook along which one could still see the foundations of numerous little water mills where they probably made woolen goods a century and more ago. The stage driver complained bitterly of the law that prevented him from shooting the wild deer that came into his garden and ate his vegetables.

I am starting off toward Boston tomorrow morning for my vacation and shall probably drop into the rooms of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Ashburton Place. If I hear or see anything about Job Smith I'll let you know.

Sincerely yours,
Fred W. Ashley

Atlantic City N.J.
Thanksgiving Day 1831

Dear Cousin:-

Your very welcome letter came just as I was leaving for a little escape from the grind. On Dec 1, I expect to be back on the job in Washington.

I own a copy of Trowbridge's book on the Robert Ashley family. The record of James Ashley's marriage to Anna Caswell says he was of Taunton, (Taunton town records were destroyed in the burning of the town hall in the first half of the 19th century see page 6). Of course it is entirely possible that he was born in Westfield and went eastward for his wife, and then up the Connecticut valley to live in Shutesbury. Have you ever visited Shutesbury? I was there in 1906.

None of our branch of the Ashleys ever knew any one back of James And Anna. Uncle "Den" seems to voice the family attitude when he said to me (when I was about 18 years old, "I wouldn't give a rye straw to know the whole of 'em clear back to Adam." If then, I had the experience I have now gained, I would have sat down by Uncle Den and wormed out of him all he knew. He made the great trip from Mass., to Ohio and was old enough to remember a lot.

My wife, Mary Cole Ashley, is now Regent of her chapter, The Mary Bartlett Chapter. When I get back to Washington I am going to send you a copy of the talk I gave before the D.A.R congress last April. It is printed also in the Official Proceedings of the Congress.

Sincerely Yours
Fred W. Ashley

CALEB BRADLEY

Clifton Hadley came to Sandusky some time before 1850, from Calis Maine. He owned a fish house here and was in the ice and coal business. He married Leonice Bradley, sister of Elizabeth Page Bradley, who was the grandmother of Winifred Wye.

Leonice Howard was a grandchild of Josiah Crocker, a graduate of Harvard College, a minister of Taunton many years. She married a man by the name of Crocker and died soon after the birth of her first child, who was named Sally Crocker. Sally was taken care of by Mrs. Brown, the widow of the minister who occupied the pulpit before Bradley. Sally always called her "Grandmother." Don't know as she was any blood relation. Sally married the young minister, Caleb Bradley, her first daughter was named Leonice Howard, and she married a Hadley. Her second daughter was named Mary D. Hadley, married to Mr. Hunt and her first daughter was Leonice Howard Hunt.

A SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF REV. CALLE BRADLEY.

The noted Mrs. Hannah Huston, who scalped two Indians, and Mrs. Bradley who scalded two to death with boiling soap, both belonged to Haverhill, Mass. Their exploits took place about 1679, and I (Caleb Bradley) am a great grandchild of these two women. My parents were born in Haverhill and moved to Braintree in their earlier years. Their names were Amos Bradley and Elizabeth Page. My father was Deacon of the church for many years. He died in his 75th year and my mother died in her 90th year. I was born in 1772 the 12th of March and shall be 86 years old next March should I live to that time.

When I was old enough to handle the knitting needles I was learned to knit and when old enough to go to school to a Mistress I was sent, with my knitting work and knit with the other little boys and girls as was the custom in those days. For my mother was a smart resolute woman with a good share of the Huston blood in her- -would not suffer her girls and boys to be idle. When I had learned to knit quite well she said

to me at a certain time, "Caleb, you can now knit and you must knit your own mittens and stockings or go without."

When I was old enough and knew enough, I went to the Master in the winter a short time and as the scholars knew but little and the Master but little, little was accomplished.

As I grew in years and strength I worked on the farm and in the winter months went to the town school. When 17 years old it was thought a little of the language would be best for me to learn and in some measure be qualified to study medicine as I had a brother who was a physician and I could study with him.

So it was agreed upon that I should begin the study of Latin. I commenced Latin Grammar with the Rev. Solomon Aiken, the minister of the place, lived in his house, paid my board, and the little attention he paid me, in taking care of his horse and cow, sawing wood and doing other unmentionable things, and I think he had full compensation for all his trouble.

In my 18th year, in the summer, I went to a Grammar school at Syngsborough, boarding three miles from school and worked every week, Friday and Saturday to pay for my board. I taught three months in the winter in my own town.

In my 19th year I spent 3 months with Rev. Mr. Williams in Methen and received his attention for the time being. I kept school in the winter to pay for my schooling. This brings me into my 21st year. Having finished my schooling, I went immediately to Adkinson Academy. I engaged with my whole soul and body with a determination to enter some college in the course of the season and did become a member of Dartmouth in August. I joined my class in college at the end of the fall vacation. Having been in college about six weeks, the smallpox broke out in the village. The scholars became alarmed and acted more like a set of crazy boys than rational beings. All left who chose, some to school keeping, some to hospitals and some to their several homes, and employed their time in their own way.

I returned to my native place and kept school a short time and then went to Freetown, put myself under the care of Dr. Aspinwall, was inoculated for small pox, had it favorably and soon returned to College, having lost much time by this interruption. As a class we were determined to make up for lost time by hard study. Time was precious and as a general thing well improved by the students and a good order prevailed and the government was sustained. Commencement at length arrived and we became Sophomores and felt our dignity. I commenced to study at the commencement of the term and continued keeping school through the winter until the first of Aug 1793. I then asked for a dismission and recommendation of my good standing in my class and my good character. My request was granted. I immediately went to Cambridge and offered myself for examination to join the Junior class in that institution. The faculty was soon convinced and I passed through a strict examination for admittance into the Junior class, as the President certified in these words

"Cambridge Aug 22 A.D. 1793 admittaten in Collegium, Harvardianum, Caleb Bradley.

Joseph Willard, President."

The whole of the government was present but the examining committee were Messrs Benekish Packard, Allen Bradford, Nathaniel Thayer, these three gentlemen proposed the questions. Messrs Kirkland, Hanford, Haven, _____ (can not make out name) and Waterman became tutors after I joined the class. Being a member of the Junior class in Cambridge, a speckled bird, from another college being considered inferior to Harvard, my classmates soon found out I could see my own nose in some things if I could not in everything.

I kept school in Lincoln and Judge Hear of South Carolina memory was one of my scholars. After vacation I returned to College and took my place. In the class of this Junior year there was a great deal of disturbance and disorderly conduct, such rowdiness, much property destroyed, much mischief of every name by those who could not sleep unless they had done mischief, but it was unpopular to inform, so two thirds of the two upper classes drew up a paper declaring they would aid and assist the government in exposing those who were engaged or did participate in the destruction of property or would not submit to the authority of the College.

This document was read publicly after prayer in the Chapel. In consequence of this movement of the upper classes, the ringleaders of the mischief turned college evildoers and I soon had a walking ticket; This restored peace and good order in the college, and so continued as long as I was a member of the institution. I was one of the signers of the protest and we received the thanks of the corporation. I belonged to the class of 1795. I never was absent from prayer, nor from any of the college duties, never admonished or fined and kept school more or less every year of my college life. Immediately after taking my degree I went into Dr. Cummings family in Billiricia, heard him talk.

I read such books as came in my way, my Bible had been my rule of preaching. I kept the Grammar school in Billiricia and soon after the commencement in the winter of 1796 kept school, read my Bible and read some on the subject of Divinity, more or less, and I was approbated to preach by the Andover Association and did preach before the commencement of 1796 and my first sermon was in Billiricia. In 1797 I preached a few sabbaths in Bedford, N.H. and some months in Sandy Bay and Rockport. This was in 1797.

In 1798 the first of April, I left the then called province of Maine, had introductory letters to Judge Sewall of Old York, called on him and preached in that place two or three sabbaths. Mr. Lyman, an old gentleman was minister there. I went from there to Pepperellborough, where I spent the summer and had a call to remain, but I gave the Church people a negative answer, and Oct 21 1798 I preached my farewell sermon in Pepperellborough, now Saco, and the 25th I left that place for Bethel, now called Sudbury. I arrived at that place Saturday eve and made a stop, spent the night at Mr. Brunels Sabbath A.M. went to meeting with Mr. Brunel and preached half a day for Mr. Gould who was then preaching at that place. So left that place for West Andover and in Nov I preached in a private house, the people were very agreeable and pleasant and wished me to stay and become their minister but I thought not.

I left that place, returned to Bethel and engaged to preach for them and kept school till the 10th of March 1799 and the first Thanksgiving sermon ever preached in that place I preached and it was printed in Fryburg, Maine. The next sabbath after leaving Bethel I preached in the Academy at Fryburg for Mr. Fessender and the next sabbath, 29th I preached for Mr. Merritt in Standish. The last sabbath in March I preached in Falmouth now Westbrook and the next day being their parish meeting, they chose a committee to wait on me and engage me for two months, this was the first Monday in April 1799. I continued here having had a call to settle with them and become their minister, and after the preliminaries being settled I gave an answer in the affirmative.

The day of ordination being appointed the ministers in the county of Cumberland and the Rev. Dr. Cumming of Billerica and the Rev. Mr. Peckard of Chumsford were agreed upon as a council to meet and attend to the ordination if it was thought advisable. They met at the place appointed the 9th of October and did the business for which they were convened. The ordination services were solemn and interesting to a large assembly of people. Rev. Mr. Cummings preached and Rev. Dr. Dean gave the charge. Rev. Mr. Josett made the consecration prayer. Rev. Elijah Kellogg gave the right hand of fellowship and the Rev. Dr. Peckard pronounced the benediction. And now where are all these ministers? They are all dead. And where are all the members? All gone except Mr. Sawyer and he is one hundred years old. Almost two generations have passed off the stage, allowing 30 years to be a generation.

After the bustle of ordination was over, I was called upon to marry a couple, one Nathaniel Snow and Mary Watts, went six miles in the rain and I received the noble fee of one dollar and twenty-five cents. I made the best of it, but did not return it to the bride as was the custom for ministers to do. I held fast what was given me--this used to be a play among the boys and girls when I was young. Hold fast what I give you, and I have not forgotten it.

It was the custom of my predecessor Rev. Thomas Brown when he had married a couple to salute the bride and say to the bridegroom "Please salute your bride," and after he had complied with the minister's request, all the men present would follow suit. Then the women would salute the bridegroom in order. This ceremony I never did and never would have it done in my presence. An anecdote has often been related to me by my parishoners respecting my predecessor Mr. Brown. A black couple came to him to be married. He said to the bridegroom "Please salute your bride," "Sir, after you, Ma'am," replied the groom. This closed the kissing business.

I had now fairly commenced my ministerial journey. My parish was large, nearly six miles square containing about 3000 inhabitants and the calls to ministerial duty were many. The sick, the dying and the dead had their claims upon their minister. He must attend to their calls in season and out of season and preach upon the Sabbath and I exclaim; who is sufficient for these things? We know not what we can do till we try and relying on the strength of assistance of our maker, we can do as much as St Paul said he could do, and he said he could do all through Christ, so can we, so can I, and there is where my strength, courage and success depends. I now hope to go on in strength and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ whose I am and whose Gospel I profess to teach and my success depends on him. My congregation having scattered far and wide, seems to be returning to the fold again, this is encouraging and strengthening. In 1800 I had married 21 couples and buried 25 individuals. This may be considered a fair average of deaths and marriages in my parish for 30 years. I calculated the number of funerals where I have been officiating clergyman to be in round numbers 1400, and marriages 1100 or 350 couples.

Nov 16, 1801 I was married to a good little girl by the name of Follie Crocker, a grandchild of Josiah Crocker, a graduate of Harvard College and a minister in Taunton many years.

From this date I say nothing till July 31 1801 and here I record a transaction in which I had some part to perform, never to be forgotten, and I pray I may never see, or have any part to act on such an occasion again.

July 21, 1801, I locked arms with one Joseph Drew, under sentence of death, at the door of the jail, and walked with him up to the gallows. I stood on the same plank with him conversing until the last moments of his life. I said to him "Drew, you see your coffin before you and your grave open to receive you, how do you feel?" His reply came, "I am perfectly resigned." These were my last words to him and his to me.

In 1810 I received the 9th day of Nov. a commission from Gov. Gerry appointing me a chaplain of the first regiment, second brigade, and fifth division of the Militia of the Province of Maine. On the 15th of March 1840 I received a discharge from the Chaplain's duty, which I had performed 30 years to the satisfaction of all concerned. My politics were not of the right stamp. In 1812 I was called upon to take my place at the head of the regiment to which I was chaplain and marched into the field of battle. I served faithfully in the situation in which I was placed, fought and bled for my country, was duly discharged with honor and returned to my family in safety.

The only incident worthy of particular notice is this. I was preaching in my pulpit from the words, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart is fixed and trusting in the Lord," and while speaking of the evil tidings coming to Job, an officer came into the pulpit in his uniform with an order for me to join my regiment as soon as possible. This was an awful shock to my congregation. I told them the officer's business, the men all left the house and the women looked frightened and wild. I soon calmed them down, finished my evil tidings, dismissed the meeting and was soon at my post of honor.

The first noticeable thing concerning me which took place after 1812 - - the treaty was ratified with England - - was the death of my wife who died April 27 1821, nine o'clock in the morning, leaving 6 children, a grievous affliction, no one knows but those who have experienced the same. Nothing occurred of interest till the government organized and held their session in the new city of Portland and almost their first act was to annihilate all Christian

societies and I call this a starvation act, and this was a political act for the court was made up of minister-haters, that is the majority of them and this law was that all parish towns legally assessed under the laws of Mass., should be collected and paid but after this should be paid, no individual in the State of Maine should be under any obligation to support the Gospel or hear it preached. This wicked act of the government broke up our parishes and many good ministers had to leave their churches but feared no better.

The ministers now in the State of Maine with a few exceptions lived on tick and they had to diet very snugly to keep from actual starvation. A physician said to me not long since, "Mr. Bradley you seem to be growing flashy, you must diet." "Diet," said I, "I have been dieting ever since I came into the State of Maine. When you are called upon to visit a sick minister give him something to eat, and not tell him about dieting, for there is no class of people who do so much good as the ministers of the Gospel, and no class which receives so poor pay."

I married three times. The lady who became my second wife, was named Susan Smith. I married her to Johnathan Webb, by him she had two daughters and he died. I then married her at a suitable time to Nathaniel Partridge, and two young ones she had by him. At a suitable time, my wife being dead six years, I married this old Partridge myself and took her and her two young ones home. They graduated at Bowdoin in the class of 1841. Their mother died Nov 3, 1843. I was again married to Abigail Codman, a widow of James Codman, of Gorham, Dec 26 1844, and she died Aug 17 1854.

I now leave the dead and come to the living. In 1826 I formed three Bible Classes in my parish and attended each of them once a week, and it was not long until there was a shaking among the dry bones and the whole town seemed to be pervaded by the Holy Spirit.

(Written in lead pencil by Grandmother Hadley)

"This is the last of his journal written by himself, but a wonderful out-pouring of the Holy spirit was the result of his last labors and a large addition to the church. He died at the advanced age of 89, June 2 1861."

(Made in another handwriting)

"Three of his children are still living July 23 1893 Charles, our last brother has passed away aged 83, May

30 1895. Leonice Hedley, daughter of Caleb Bradley
died July 13 1899 aged 29 years, 7 months, 7 days.

Note by Marjorie Cherry

I was allowed to copy these pages by their owner Winifred Lee Wye in 1950. She also had a copy of the Atlantic Monthly which had published a part of his diary, but not these particular pages, which the family had kept as being of a more private nature, and not suitable for publication. What became of the rest of the diary Miss Wye did not know, this was all she ever saw.

The parts published in the Atlantic Monthly were more on political and national affairs, and much more the sort of thing Caleb might have said in Church. Personally, I liked these pages much better, as they give us a better picture of a real human being.

DARLING.

Into the Firelands, in 1816 came Isaac Darling and wife, Catherine Banks. They settled in Sandusky, Ohio.

Catherine Banks was a daughter of the Revolutionary soldier, Capt. David Banks and his wife Susan Crans-Plum. David Banks was born May 14 1743 at Newark N.J. and died there. His record of service in the war is found on page 835 of General Stryker's Officers and Men of the Rev. War of N.J.. She was the widow of John Plum at the time of her marriage to David Banks. Their children were:

Lucetta m Stephen Gould
Mary m I. Becker
C. M. Gould
Catherine m Isaac Darling
Susan m Stephen Gould
David m Harriet B. Lloyd

Isaac Darling was the son of Joseph Darling who served in the Revolutionary war as a sailor on the Continental Frigate "Confederacy" in 1799. His record is found on page 608 "Record of Conn. men in the war of the Revolution and of 1812."

His grandfather Thomas Darling, was appointed a judge of the local Court in New Haven in 1773. This appointment was for four or six years and carried him through the period of the Revolution. This is found in a history of New Haven. County Vol 1 p 38 Colonial Records of Conn., Vol 15 p 8-277. Sometime after 1608 the Darling family came from England to America.

Samuel Darling born 1695 at Jamaica L.I. Apr 30 1760 died.
Married 1. Luciana dau of Jeremiah & Martha Childs,
widow of Abel Macomber b 1879 d Mar 10
1758
2. Servish widow of De Brunthall

CHILD OF SAMUEL DARLING.

Thomas Darling b Feb 21 1720 Newport R.I. d Nov 30
1789- B.A. Tale 1744 Appointed Justice of the
Peace for New Haven County in May 1773. m July
23 1745 Abigail dau of Rev Joseph & Abigail (Pierpont)
Hoyce b Mar 20 1722 d July 19 1797
He was also Justice of the Quorum 1761-1765-1767
and 1770

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL NOYES & THOMAS DARLING.

1. Abigail b Nov 8 1745 & Dec 24 1818 m Feb 2 1775
Charles Chauncey
2. Susanna b Nov 27 1748 & June 23 1754
3. Samuel b Jan 30 1750 & Jan 1842 Pr. m Dec
23 1779 Clarinda dau Richard and Jerusha
(Sheldon) Ely b Mar 23 1759 at North Madison.
& July 23 1847.
4. Thomas, Pr. b Dec 9 1753 & Dec 1815 m Nov 28 1781
dau of John & Mary (Terrill) Dibble, Mary b
Aug 25 1760 & Feb 14 1866
5. Anna b Feb 1755 m Loring Doney (or Dewey)
6. Dorothy b Feb 15 1757 & July 20 1795
7. Joseph b July 1 1759 & Nov 15 1850 Pr. m Mar
1784 at Fairfield Conn. Aurelia dau Elisha &
Mary (deForest) Mills b Dec 14 1757 at
Huntington & Nov 22 1846
8. Jessica b 1762 & Dec 19 1822 m June 16 1795 Samuel
Burr of Bridgeport.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL DARLING AND CHARLES CHAUNCEY

1. Charles Chauncey m H. Chester
2. Sally m Wm Cooley
3. Abigail
4. Nath 1784

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL DARLING & CLARINDA ELY

1. Susan
2. Samuel 1783 m M. Abby 6 children
3. Wm S 1784 m Maria Gelb 5 children
4. Thomas 1786 m Frances Frith 5 children
5. Clarinda 1788
6. James
7. Annie 1795
8. Charles 1798 3 children

CHILDREN OF THOMAS DARLING AND MARY DIBBLE

1. Noyes Darling 3 children
2. John Darling m Hemingway 3 children
3. Thomas Jr 4 children
4. Alexis
5. Mary

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH DARLING & AURELIA HILLS

1. Isaac Darling b May 31 1786 Fairfield Conn. m Catherine Banks
2. Aurelia b Jan 11 1788 d Sept 1813 m James Knight
3. Abigail Elizabeth bp May 30 1790 d Jan 19 1860 m Aretius B Hull
4. Joseph bp Feb 16 1794 m Zephira Hanna m April 1 1819 on record in oldest book in Huron County Court House at Norwalk, O.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC DARLING & CATHERINE BANKS

1. Mary
2. Joseph Banks Darling 1814 in New York City m Healthy Wilder. One of the first surveyors in Sandusky, Ohio, see Peckes History. Children- Susan- Catherine- Wilder who made quite a reputation as an artist in France and Toledo, Ohio.
3. Aurelia
4. Isaac 1818 m Augusta Beers Ch- Wm Beers-David Banks- Mary Louise & Grace he died 1890 m 1855
5. Susan M 1830 m J.R. Shedd Ch- Charles- Wm- Edward.
6. David Banks

Isaac Darling was a deacon in the first Congregational Church of Sandusky, a member of the Underground R.R.- advertised in the Clarion in 1835- had a store on Water st in 1832. In 1842 he gave land for the Court House- He built the first school house, and was a prominent member in the first Temperance society. See Firelands Pioneers and Peckes History.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC DARLING & AUGUSTA BEERS

Isaac Darling b 1818 m 1855 d 1890 b in Greenfield O.
Augusta Beers b 1831 d 1907 buried in Oberlin O

1. Wm Beers Darling b 2-6-1856 m Minnie Hall at Norwalk, O.
2. David Banks Darling b 1-8-1851 m Mary Maloney Apr 27 1890 at Silver City NM
3. Mary Louise b 7-2-1859 died in Colo about 1924
4. Grace Darling b 4-12-1866 d April 14, 1905 in Chicago Ill.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL E DARLING & A.B.HULL :

1. Joseph B Hull m _____ Coals 4 children
2. Amanda Hull m A Hardy 3 children
3. Aurelius B Hull m S. Tucker 4 children
4. Elisha Hull
5. Thomas Hull

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH DARLING & ZAPHIRA DANNA

1. Abigail E Darling 1820 m J. Woodbridge
2. Joseph M Darling 1822 m Abbie Gregery
ch- Mary-Alice-Elizabeth- Merrit- George
lived in Sandusky, O.
3. James Darling 1825 m C Wilks- Ch- Clarence
A Dell

This record is gathered mostly from a family tree made sometime before 1863 by Isaac Darling born 1786. This family tree is in the Western Reserve Historical Society at Cleveland, O. the writing is old and not too clear, so we were not always certain about names and dates. References to Judge Thomas Darling from Schenke History of Fairfield County, which gives on page 509 baptismal record for Isaac son of Aurelia Mills and Joseph Darling.

The descendants of Joseph & Aurelia have in her father, Elisha Mills, a revolutionary ancestor, in that he served as a delegate to Stratford to ratify the Constitution. Orcutt's History of Stratford Vol 2 p 1248. Elisha was a son of Rev. Jedediah Mills and Abigail Treat, a dau of Robert Treat Jr. of Millford Conn. Abigail Treat d Nov 2 1775.

Aurelia's mother, Mary de Forest, was a dau of Samuel de Forest and Abigail Peat. Samuel was active in local military affairs from 1740 to the time of his death in 1777, was Clerk of the train band, and spoken of as Sergeant Sam'l de Forest. See "A Taloon Family in America."

MILLS.

About 1816 Judge Isaac Mills, and his wife Abigail Phelps came to Sandusky, O. He has been much written of in our histories, but nothing about his ancestry.

Pieter Wouterse Van der Meulen b Amsterdam, Holland 1622 and d Windsor Conn. 4-17-1710, m Windsor first 1656 Dorkas, dau Edward Messinger. She was b 9-23-1650 and d 8-12-1688. Pieter m second Jane Warren 12-10-1691.

CHILDREN OF DORKAS MESSINGER & PIETER WOUTERSE VAN DER MEULEN (Peter Mills)

Peter Mills II
Return Mills d Windsor Conn 7-17-1689
Dorkas Mills
Ebenezer Mills b 2-2-1687 d 1699

Peter Mills, (his father had petitioned the Conn., Gen. Assembly to change his name to Mills in 1635) m at Windsor, Conn., 7-24-1692 Joanna dau of Sgt John & Joanna Caylord, Porter who was b Windsor 2-7-1670 and d there 3-14-1756

CHILDREN OF JOANNA PORTER & PETER MILLS II

1693 Peletiah Capt. 4-27 m 7-5-1720 Martha dau Samuel Chapman- 7 children
1696 Jedediah Rev. 3-23-1696 d Bipton, Conn. 1-29-1776 m Milford Conn., 6-16-1726 Abigail dau of Capt Robert & Abigail Campe Treat, bp 6-11-1704 at Milford Conn. d at Stratford Conn 11-2-1775 8 children
1701 Peter III b 4-12-d East Windsor Conn 4-8-1762 m 2-1-1726 Ruth dau Thomas & Hannah Porter Loomis 5 children
1702 Anne d 11-19-1793 m 6-27-1727 David son of Joseph & Hannah Wilcoxson Booth
1703 Aaron 5-16-
1706 John 8-14 d Kent Conn 6-7-1760 m 1732 Jane dau of Samuel Lewis 3 children
1709 Daniel 5-23 m 2-12-1729 Jerusha dau Samuel Steele 3 children
1712 Ebenezer, Rev. m Simsbury, Conn 7-7-1742 Mary dau of John Drake 6 children
1715 Gideon Rev. 2-15 d Simsbury Conn 8-4-1772 m there 11-23-1748 Elizabeth dau Brewster & Esther Holcomb Rigley 7 children

Jedediah, Ebenezer and Gideon were Yale graduates. The wife of Jedediah was a granddaughter of Gov. Treat. Peter I was the reputed eldest son of Sir Pieter Wouterse Van der Meulen. While studying for the ministry at the University of Leyden in 1650 he joined the refugees from England, for which his father disinherited him. In New England he was listed as a tailor.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL TREAT & JEDEDIAH MILLS

1727 Jedediah II- 1729 Treat-1732 Elisha-1734 Philo
1739 Isaac- 1743 Abigail-1747 Samuel, Rev.

Elisha Mills Esq. married Mary de Forest and lived at Huntington, Conn. She was a daughter of Samuel de Forest of Moose Hill and his wife Abigail Peet. They were married Dec 30 1725. Samuel de Forest traces his descent back through Holland & France to Jean de Forest the first Huguenot in the family, and back again to Herbertes de Foresto 1096. See "A Waloon Family in America."

Elisha was elected a committeeman from Huntington to ratify the Constitution, see D.A.R Lineage Books.

CHILDREN OF ELISHA & MARY de FOREST MILLS

1751 Anne m Agur Judson
 1753 Mary m Elias Sears
 1755 Hepzibah m David Ely
 1757 Aurelia m Joseph Darling
 1760 Abigail m I. Plummer
 1762 Sally m Lebulon Ely
 1765 Elisha T m Catherine Lewis
 1767 Isaac m Abigail Phelps
 1769 Samuel Peter m S. Towlinson
 1771 Em.

CHILDREN OF CATHERINE LEWIS & ELISHA T. MILLS

1797 Mary
 1799 Catherine
 1803 Chas
 1805 Geo. Alex
 1808 Jane A

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL PHELPS & ISAAC MILLS

1792 Caroline m Phelps Sears
 1794 Elizabeth
 1798 Abigail Augusta m Anklell
 1800 Aurelia m S.B. Tynkoop
 1802 Isaac A m Sarah Lyman
 1805 Em. Henry m Caroline Hurd

CHILDREN OF S. TOWLINGTON & SAMUEL PETER MILLS

1797 William had 3 children
 1794 Elisha 3 "
 1792 Elisabeth 3 "
 1789 Samuel 5 "

CHILDREN OF HEPRIBAH WILLS & DAVID ELY

1773 Hepzibah m G.S. Silliman
1780 David m P. Sturges
1782 Elisha m L. Curtis
1785 Mary m J. McGregor
1789 Isaac

CHILDREN OF SALLY A WILLS & ZEBULON ELY

1799 Abigail Elizabeth
1784 Mary m Lathrop
1786 Ezra S.
1788 Elisha M
1789 Sally
1791 Julia
1793 Aurelia
1795 Laura
George
John
David
Hannah

CHILDREN OF MARY WILLS & ELIAS SEERS

1777 Sa Seers
1779 Elias (this one probably died young, though
1781 Sidney there was no notation of it)
1783 Elias

CHILDREN OF ANNE WILLS & AUGUR JUDSON

1769 Russell m S. Tealinson
1771 Philo m S. Blackman
1775 Nancy m E. Lockwood
1779 Augur
1779 Charles
1777 Selesy
1783 Hannah m B. Sterling
1789 Sally m B. Sterling
1790 David

CHILDREN OF PHILO JUDSON & S. BLACKMAN

Philo- Chas- Harriet- Eliza- William- Nancy

BEERS

The Beers Family of New Haven, Conn and Greenfield, O.

Nathan Beers I shot in his own doorway by the British
Soldiers- b 1718 d 1779

m Jan 27 1741 at Stratford Conn. 1. Hannah Nichols
1716-1764

m Jan 20 1765 2 Abigail Ailling

CHILDREN OF HANNAH NICHOLS & NATHAN BEERS I.

1. 11-29-1742 Isaac m 1. Mary Mansfield
2. Sarah (Corman) Townsend

2. 10-12-1744 Sarah m John Pierpong

3. Eliza 11-19-1746 m 1. Hannah Sabine
2. Mary Miller

4. 12-19-1748 Hannah m 1. Hezekiah Howe
2. Elias Stotwell

5. Josiah 5-12-1751

6. Feb 1753 Nathan m Mary Phelps (daugh of Judge John Phelps
her sister, Abigail m
Judge Isaac Mills of
Sandusky, O.)

7. Thomas baptized 1756

CHILDREN OF MARY PHELPS & NATHAN BEERS b 1753

1. Maria 9-22-1782 m Dr. Eli Ives

2. Eliza 11-19-1784 d 9-2-1795

3. Nathan b 9-25-1787 d 12-2-1802

4. Timothy Phelps b 12-25-1789 m 1. Caroline Ann Mills
2. Mary Ann Whiting

5. Isaac b 7-15-1792 d 1833 m Eliza W Townsend

6. Abigail Ailling Beers b 4-10-1794 m Dr. John Titworth

7. John Phelps Beers b 6-15-1796 d 9-27-1819

8. Eliza b 1-27-1799 m Dr. Chas Hooker

9. Janet Phelps Beers b 2-23-1801 d 1-7-1802

10. Nathan b 2-26-1803 d 6-28-1803

11. Clement b 7-29-1804 m Eunice Louisa Scarritt

12. Nathan b Oct 15 1806 m Louisa Ashley

CHILDREN OF MARIA BEERS & DR. ELI IVES

1. Nathan Beers Ives m Sarah G. Badger-1 child Charles
Linnaeus Ives
2. Chas Linnaeus d aged 19
3. Maria Beers Ives m Dr Henry A Tomlinson- 4 children
1. Eli Ives Tomlinson-2 Mary Tomlinson-3. Charles
Tomlinson 4. Sarah Hill Tomlinson
4. Elizabeth Ives
5. Levi Ives m Caroline Shoemaker, 1 child- Robert
Shoemaker Ives

CHILDREN OF CAROLINE ANN MILLS & DR TIMOTHY PHELPS BEERS

1. Mary Elizabeth Beers m Williams Seward Pierson
2. Abigail Phelps Beers m Isaac Peck- 4 children
1. Agnes Peck-2 Mary Pierson Peck- 3. Adeline Haskins
Peck- 4. Caroline Peck
3. Isaac Mills Beers m Festina Salisbury-one child
Timothy Phelps Beers
4. Caroline McCrae Beers
4. Timothy Phelps Beers
6. Caroline Mills Beers

CHILDREN OF ELIZA M TOWNSEND & ISAAC BEERS.

Eliza M Townsend was a dau Isaac & Rebecca Townsend

1. Jane Townsend Beers
2. John Phelps Beers
3. Maria Ives Beers
4. William Isaac Beers
5. Charles Ives Beers
6. Emily Elizabeth Beers

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL ALLING BEERS & DR JOHN TITSWORTH

1. Haven Titsworth
2. William Titsworth
3. Margaret Weddaugh Titsworth
4. Mary Phelps Titsworth

CHILDREN OF ELIZA BEERS & DR CHAS HOOKER

1. Mary Phelps Hooker
2. Jane Havens Hooker
3. Chas William Hooker
4. Mary Phelps Hooker
5. William Seth Hooker
6. Eliza Beers Hooker
7. Janet Phelps Hooker
8. Charles Richard Hooker

CHILDREN OF EUNICE LOUISA SCABRITT & CLEMENT BEERS

1. Mary Louisa Beers
2. Sarah Love Beers
3. Nathan Beers

CHILDREN OF LOUISA ASHLEY & NATHAN BEERS

1. Mary Phelps Beers m Lucius Gibbs
2. Augusta Maria Beers m Isaac Darling b 1818 d 1890
3. Nathan Beers m Ellen Conklin- he served in the civil war

NATHAN BEERS I b 1718 d 1779 shot by British soldiers
as he opened his front door, lived in New Haven
Conn

Nathan Beers II b 1753, soldier in the Revolution, Capt.
in New Haven histories called Deacon Nathan Beers.
m Mary Phelps daughter of Judge John Phelps

Nathan Beers III b Oct 15 1806- Came into the Firelands
with his Uncle Judge Isaac Mills of Sandusky, O. in 1825.
he married at Greenfield, Huron County, Ohio, 1827 Louisa
Ashley, who was born at Deerfield Mass, in 1806 Dec 5
and died at Greenfield July 19 1895. They were married
July 3. She was a dau of Luther Ashley and Eunice Smith
see Firelands Pioneers New Series Vol 7 p 129.

Other references for the family
Genealogies of Stratford Conn p 1145
D.A.R Lineage Books Vol 4 p 208
New England Register Vol 7 p 546

CHILDREN OF LOUISA ASHLEY & NATHAN BEERS III.

1. Nathan Beers IV b Oct 8 1840 m Ellen Conklin
2. Mary Phelps Beers b April 2 1829 m Lucius Gibbs
3. Augusta Maria Beers b April 4 1833 m Isaac Darling
b 1818

Louisa Ashley born in Deerfield Mass Dec 5 1806 m July 3 1828 to Nathan Beers III who was born in New Haven, Conn Oct 15 1806. They were married in Greenfield township, Huron County, Ohio. Louisa d July 19 1895. Nathan Beers III d Mar 8 1891.

Firelands Pioneers New Series 1895 p
" " " " 1891 p 140
" " " " 1915 p 1773

CHILDREN OF ELLEN CONKLIN & NATHAN BEERS IV

1. Fred Beers of Cleveland, O. m twice- no children
2. Mary Beers m Clayton Bliss- 1 daughter Gertrude Bliss
3. Louise Beers m Elino Myerson lived at Peru, O.

CHILDREN OF AUGUSTA BEERS & ISAAC DARLING

1. William Beers Darling b Feb 6 1856 m Winnie W Hall of Norwalk, Ohio resided in Saginaw Mich about 1886 he died in Norwalk, O. She still living in 1944
2. Mary Louise Darling b Aug 2 1859 not married, lived in Leadville Colo. d about 1924
3. David Banks Darling b Jan 6 1861 m in Silver City N.M. April 27 1899 to Mary E. Maloney. he died where his children now live, Los Angeles Calif before 1924. His son Frank Darling, had 3 daughters.
4. Grace Darling b April 18 1866 m 1888 to Willia Anson Loomis at Leadville, Colo. d in Chicago Ill 1905 April 14
two sons- Jerome Loomis killed by a train 1913
David Anson Loomis died aged 17 months.
Two daughters, Grace Loomis Davis with her child killed in 1935 carbon monoxide gas
Marjorie Loomis Cherry no children.

CHILDREN OF LOUISE BEERS & DELNO BYERSON

Margorie Byerson m Arthur Baxter- 8 children
Beers Byerson- 5 children, married twice moved to Minn.
Price Byerson- died young
Catherine- m Edwin Raffath lives at Portage Lake, O
no children
Eunice m L.E. Doyle one child Patrick Doyle lives in Alliance, O.
Cherry m Ray Henry of Sebring, Ohio, one daughter
Paul, never married, believed murdered, body found in road.
Ross Byerson, soldier world war II married two children
lives in Alliance, O.

None in this section of the country to carry on the name of Beers. We have not traced the Beers line farther than the first Nathan Beers living in New Haven Conn. He was a well to do tailor, who was shot by the British soldiers as he opened his front door. His Son Nathan Beers II born in Stratford Conn 1753 enlisted in a company of Revolutionary Soldiers 1774. In 1775 this was called "The Governor's Second Company of Guards." Its first Captain was Benedict Arnold. On April 22 1775 hearing of the Battle of Lexington the company marched to Boston where they remained 3 weeks.

Early in 1777 Gov. Johnathan Trumbull commissioned Nathan Beers II Ensign of a company of Volunteers, raised in New Haven. March 1777 he was commissioned, Lieut in Col. Samuel B Webb's Regiment, Continental Line, and served until the army was disbanded by Congress at the end of the war Sept 1783, when he was commissioned Capt. by Brevet. In May 1778 he was made paymaster and served as such till the end of the war. He was in several engagements. He died Feb 10 1849 lacking but 14 days of 96 years of age. His funeral oration is in the Western Reserve Historical Society at Cleveland, together with letters written by himself and wife to their son Nathan Beers III in Greenfield Ohio.

As this first Nathan Beers was married at Stratford Conn, and lived there until his children were born, it is possible that he is a descendant of Deacon Lewis Beers who was in Stratford 1654. His wife Hannah Nichols may be a descendant of Sergeant Nichols who was assigned to discipline and train the military there in 1639. In 1743 there was a Capt. Theophilus Nichols in Stratford, Conn.

LETTERS WRITTEN BY CAPTAIN (DEACON) NATHAN BEERS OF
NEW HAVEN, CONN. AND HIS WIFE MARY PHELPS BEERS TO
THEIR SON NATHAN BEERS OF GREENFIELD, OHIO, 1830
to 1853

New Haven 31 July, 1830

Dear Nathan:-

Our friend Mr. X (it might be H) Townsend
is going to Ohio. I gladly improve the oppy to write
my son. Indeed you are seldom absent from my mind,
perhaps more so, on account of your great distance
from us- my advanced age reminds me that my
continuance here is short, although my health
through divine goodness is comfortable. Reflect my
son, how many younger and older than ourselves have
entered the eternal world, think of the changes in
our own family. Two Nathans, Jennette, Eliza, John,
and yet we are the monuments of the sparing mercy of
the Infinite God. Oh may it be the importunate desire
of our souls that we and ours may be the subjects of
the forgiving grace of God. You see, my son, where
my thoughts center- religion my son, oh it is the one
thing needful, other things are necessary and religion
directs us to the right improvement of our time and
talents. I know it is easier to talk of, than to
possess it, and yet they are said in scripture to be
fools that neglect it, as thousands and thousands do.
Although the acquirement is attended with labor and
pains, yet the happiness to be attained is beyond all
human calculation. Think of the endless misery of
those that neglect the great salvation. I cannot but
hope my son that you do in earnest seek after this
wisdom by prayer and meditation on the word of God.

I shall forward by Mr. Townsend sundry articles viz.
1 book of travels, and three Intelligencers, and
book of Philosophy of Religion, cloth for a pair
of pantaloons, Calico for Louisa, 2 frocks and one
doll for Mary, 1 lb raisins, 1 lb almonds, 1 pair
old trousers of very little value, also enclose
Five Dollars, this is all that can be spared at present.

Be prudent and economical and with a blessing you may
get along. Your ma enquires whether the sheep is
procured for little Mary. The two frocks are a
present from the wife of your brother Timothy.

Your Ma joins me in love to Louisa and yourself. Kiss the little girl for us both. I am as always, affectionately yours

Nathan Beers

When you write, which we certainly expect to be soon, inform whether you received the Intelligencers. We send them regularly and pay the postage. Also whether the letter by Mr. Mills. Your brother says he will not write you until he has answer to his letters. Be punctual my son, alays."

Address on this letter

Mr. Nathan Beers

Greenfield, Huron County, Ohio.

Mr. K Townsend

(Written in another hand on outside, below the address)

Mr. K. Townsends respects to Mr Beers and forward by Mr. Coe a part of the things sent by his Father. The remainder was packed in a box and when they arrive will be forwarded by Mr. Townsend to Greenfield. K.T.

New Haven, Dec 28 1831

My Dear Children:

Yours of the 23 Oct came to hand 5th Nov and at which date I forwarded a reply, which tis probable you have received, as tis more than two months since the date of your last I am anxious to hear from you and to know the state of your mind. Many no doubt my son have experienced feelings of guilt and danger (similar to those you mentioned) who have rested in a false hope, imagining their conviction to be conversion. Here, my son, that you say not err, nor be discouraged, I must entreat you to pray the Almighty that your conviction may issue in a sound conversion. Go to the throne of grace as a poor sinner having no claim of your own to offer- humbly plead the merits of Jesus Christ, which are infinite value, and who hath said: "Who-soever cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Live near to the throne of Grace my dear children.
Make the word of God your daily meditation, that
you may be wise unto salvation.

The winter thus far with us (as probably with you)
is uncommonly severe, the effects of it with the
aged and infirm is trying. Some of them are closing
their earthly existence and many are confined to
their rooms and beds. Your Uncle Elias is laboring
under great debility of body and seems to be
breaking down. Your Aunt Pierpont tho more advanced
in age has been comfortable for sometime past, but
is now quite feeble. Your Ma and I through Divine
favor are in good health. Your brothers and sisters
and their families are generally well. Clement with
his wife and little girl are in housekeeping at Norwalk
and believe are industrious in their small way in
earning a livelihood. Do write us soon. Your Ma
joins me in love to you and yours. Kiss the dear
girl for grand parents and believe me my dear Children,
affectionately

Your Parent, Nathan Beers.

(The above letter was sent in a wrapper marked
Paid- Paid- Mr. Nathan Beers Jun'r
Dec 28 Greenfield, Huron County,
New Haven Ohio.)

New Haven 11 May 1838

My Dear Children:-

As you have little, perhaps not any,
the least correspondence with your sister Titsworth,
and as you may have a desire to know something respecting
those who are near and dear to you at all times, and
as it will save me from indisposition (not to say
trouble) of inditing a letter, I will transcribe
part of a letter received from her under date of
7th ult.

"My dear Parents:

I resolved that another day
should not pass before I had answered your kind and
affectionate letter written so long ago. Much as I
have ever loved you my dear Father and Mother it
appears to me that I have never felt the pain of
separation so deeply as the past year. I cannot

realize that 12 months have passed away since our beloved boy was taken from us. As Spring opens, everything seems to remind us of the solemn breach made in our little number. How humiliating the thought that we need such severe discipline.

Were it not for your kind Friend who careth for us more than any earthly Friend can, our hearts would sink within us. His character is love. All he has ever done for us has been in love. How earnest and affectionate are all his instructions to draw us to him which we find in his holy word. How often he urges us to commit our souls to his safe keeping. We cannot doubt the earnestness of him who became poor and despised for our sakes and died an ignominious death to ransom our souls from everlasting misery. Perhaps all our dear family may never meet again in this world. Oh may our supreme affections be fixed on that never changing friend so that when these few evil days are past we shall be united never to part.

We had hoped the Doc would put out his farm this season, his friends all advised him to do it, but he will not consent, indeed will probably keep more cows than formerly. I am sorry, you know I never had much of a likeing to farming, there seems so little time for reflection, meditation or anything comfortable.

Mother T has been confined most of the winter. She is now much better, says she is not sick at heart, but it is a great trial to be obliged to keep so still, as she has ever been very active. She speaks often of you all, wonders that none of you come to see us.

Dr ____ (this looks like Howard or Thomas) seems very near to us. Was as kind a friend to our dear Havens, both in health and during his sickness. Margaret is much attached to him. He often comes and takes her home with him, and has frequently made her very pretty presents.

I think you must have been gratified at receiving a letter from Nathan and wife. How I should like to see her and her husband, but there seems no prospect of such meetings taking place here. You

don't know how bad I felt when I heard of Nathan's returning home without my seeing him. But we are doomed to disappointment- how much have we to remind us of the uncertainty of all earthly comforts, to feel the chastening and quietly do I need it. My dear Parents pray that my affliction may not prove in vain, but incite me to live with a wiser referency to an opening grave and a boundless eternity.

We received two pamphlets from Sister Maria and thank her kindly for thus noticing us. Anything from Mr Bason you know cannot fail to gratify. Doctor has just come in with a couple of Protestant Vindicators which are always very acceptable. I am indebted to Eliza for a very affectionate letter. If she knew the comfort her letters afford me, she would not regret the time spent in writing them. Hope the dear babes will be spared to them. Think both the doctor and herself will be glad to be at housekeeping again.

I feel anxious to hear what are your plans respecting your abode, as it is supposed you expect soon to leave where you are at present. I cannot express my desire to see you. Shall I say do come? I know it is asking a favor which to you will be replete with privations; but I assure you it would confer unspeakable happiness on us, to be denied the pleasure of seeing one more of our dear family will be a trial I assure you, but if Providence so orders it, I hope to submit cheerfully.

Doctor and children are in usual health and send such love. Doctor is much engaged. Several in the neighborhood are sick and the farm requires a great deal of attention. It is a great pity that he will not give up the latter. No doubt it is a real injury to him.

Mother says to give love to all yours. Whenever I write I feel that my letters are not worth sending, yet my heart lingers with you and I feel impatient

to hear often from you. Remember me very affectionately to all our dear friends. Now my dear parents don't forget your absent and afflicted

Abigail."

Your sister's views respecting farming are not altogether correct. The occupation is respectable, healthy and of the first importance. We all live by it. The only difficulty is in undertaking too much at once to the detriment of more important concerns; they should go hand in hand together and all in subservience to that world which will survive the ruins of the present one. I hope my son you will in this respect follow the Apostles direction, "Use the world as not abusing it, do not forget the one thing needful."

We notice in yours to Eliza that the State of Security with you is increasing in numbers, we hope also in religion and morals, as you are building a handsome edifice for divine worship, in (the sealing wax covers this word- probably it is Greenfield) hope you will obtain the blessing of a Stated ministry.

Our family are in usual health. We often hear you on our minds with your dear little ones and our grandson Isaac. We seldom hear from you direct. Do write often. We feel much interested in your concerns, both temporal and religious. And Isaac, his letters have been quite entertaining. He must not forget us.

By the way, Dr. Ives has written you some time since, do not know on what subject, but presume that you do. He is anxious for a reply. Your Ma joins me in ardent love to you all. Adieu my dear children and believe me as ever your loving and affectionate parent,

Nathan Beers

New Haven June 16 1844

My Dear Children:

After several attempts to write to our children I have prevailed thus far. It is to be lamented that our correspondence has suffered so long delay. We are much pleased that you have in part overcome the difficulty by your joint letter,

and hope for a continuance of the same well doing. Situated as we are at so great a distance from many of you whose faces we have never seen in the flesh- we notice with great pleasure that you contemplate a visit to us. We hope you will effect the same without delay. I trust the interest will be entirely reciprocated. You wisely revert (not too sure if this word is revert or not- paper folded and old) all to the direction of him who is infinite in wisdom and grace. Should the event of meeting occur, it will be soothing to my declining years having arrived to 91½ years.

Our son related the doings on the farm, if they are not so prosperous as desired still they appear to be progressing, and it is not in the abundance of earthly goods that true wisdom is obtained. They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare which drowns men in destruction and perdition, says the Apostle to Timothy. Oh how many have found it so, without attaining their object.

We are pleased to hear that Isaac's nose is healed. We feel much obliged by his so often in times past reminding us of your general concerns and his own industry. I consider his situation far preferable to any in our City with all its (could not make this out) Give our love to him and beg him to continue his correspondence with us. I have just returned from the funeral of Timothy Dwight. He is one of three persons that died, only three nights since. The other two were Nathaniel Terry and _____ Town our former neighbor. All aged persons. I must draw to a close. All our family are in usual health. They desire abundance of love to you all. Adieu our dear children and believe us to be very affectionately your loving parents

Nathan & Mary Beers

(The next is a fragment of a letter, so that no date is possible, but as the writing seems much more wavering, we conclude it was written later than 1844. Nathan Beers died 1849 age 96)

Caused us some anxiety. The safety of your journey-
tis that no wonder that after so long absence from
home your arrival and interview was very pleasant.
Now with pen in hand I cannot but advert to what
occured when you parted from us. I had just been
reading a portion of Scripture in Luke 10 verses
38-42. The idea that Mary had chosen the good part
and that there is promise enough yet in that happy
kingdom for all that make it their chief concern to
obtain it forces me to apply it to W.P. Seers. May
it be earnestly sought by her.

I am led into this train of thought by the death of
a young married lady whose triumphant death was
indescribably happy, her funeral which I attended.
The newspaper 26 instant with which their records
are more fully related. This paper I sent you
recently. Their wedding was consummated while
you resided with us. It was uncommonly splendid.
* * * But I must close my letter. Old age with
its infirmitities admonishes me that to human view
my departure draweth near. How solemn the thought.
How necessary the preparation. Words are inadequate
to describe them. What a precious inducement earnestly
to pray for the sanctifying influence of God's Holy
Spirit.

I close with cordial love to you all and not forgetting
my grandson Isaac. Tell them all that we impatiently
wait their letters. Your grandma and Mr. Wey join us
in these salutations. I am very affectionately my
dear Mary, yours

Nathan Seers.

(This letter was evidently written to his grand daughter
Mary Phelps Seers Gibbs, in whose possession these
letters were before her daughter gave them to Mrs.
Ross Cherry August 1935. They are now in the Western
Reserve Historical Society at Cleveland, O.)

(The two following letters were written by the wife
of Capt. Seers, Mary Phelps Seers to her son Nathan Seers
of Greenfield, O.)

New Haven, Nov 19 1852.

My Dear Nathan;

I feel glad of this opportunity to write you. I have been expecting you or some of the family all summer and concluded by your not coming that business prevented. Your sister Abby was on and made quite a visit. Carolina returned with her but made the most of her visit with Margaret who lives near her parents. They have a child who is named after me, and it is said is a very uncommon one. Of course is much thought of- I suppose William will tell you all about his family. He goes rather sooner than I expected and I have a good deal to see to at this season of the year. My health is comfortable for 89 years, still you know that advanced period a small thing becomes a burden.

Your being so busy, you probably did not think, but I thought and felt a great deal from your not writing me in so long a time. Yes my son, you have been a child of many prayers, more especially from your having remained so long on the borders of the grave when you were young. I entreat you not to lay up all your treasures upon this earth which is so false and a delusion, but consider your name, and oh may it be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. That, though separated on earth we may meet where such things are unknown forever.

I have lost sister Mills (wife of Judge Isaac Mills of Sandusky, O) and could never see her as much as I wished here, but trust we shall meet where it will be better for us.

Your cousin Henry Mills has been here and is expected again to settle up family affairs. There is much this and that- -the tongues are all in active exercise, which cannot be taxed, and will not for the present. I hope by and by they will be permitted to rest.

Your sister Eliza was intending to send the children's Dag^{rs} (this for daguerreotypes) But they go to school and are being fitted up for winter and the time is

too short for it. She wishes to see you all, and hopes it will not be long before you come on, particularly would like to hear from Mary Gibbs. She thought much of her, and thinks she has a very excellent husband. She would like much to have them write.

Cousin Janet Phelps has married a man of great wealth and lives in grand style in New York, out of the abundance of it.

The family are pretty much as usual. Dr. Ives is very feeble and Maria Tomlinson has a bad cough. The children are very fine and promising. M.B. Ives's son Charles is in Philadelphia this winter attending a course of medical lectures. He is a young man of uncommon promise, having fine talents and great application, but labouring under weakness of body. Indeed he went to Philadelphia on this account. All therefore in this life must have their varied trials, which if viewed aright turn to blessings.

Your Aunt Eliza Beers has come on to spend her days here. She is boarding at Miss Sophia and Miss Lucy Green's. She is older than I am and next March I shall be 90 years. We love to get together and sometimes we think we should like to live together.

My children are kind, and I suppose it is best as I am, but I would like a child with me all the time and this feeling is natural I think, especially at my period of life. I could tell you of many ailments and things which cannot be put upon paper, and when I cannot see my children a letter is very much valued by me.

I have a very good person to live with me, very different from the one that Mary saw when she was here with her husband. Mrs. Collis invited us all to spend the day a short time since. Four were the oldest living in the Beers family. Aunt Beers the oldest. Mrs. Collis is in very feeble health. Augustus, her youngest

son has been in the Retreat in Hartford once a year.
Mary _____ who married Lea of Hartford has gone with
her husband to England to be absent 9 months.

A splendid building is being erected in the
college yard across the street from us, probably
the handsomest in the place, if not in the State.
There are some 60 employed in its completion.

I hope this will find you in good health and
that your wife is better of her lameness.
Remember me to her and all your family with
much affection,

Yours sincerely

Mary Seers

New Haven July 2 1853

My Dear Son:

Your letter was a great treat truly
you do not write often, but your cares and anxieties
are so great, I feel ready to excuse you on this
ground. When I think of my baby's going so far
and suffering so much as you must have done, it is a
sad view. But then no doubt it has prepared you to
enjoy the present with a keener relish. I feel most
rejoiced that Mary has so excellent a husband, and
should like to see her children. Augusta keeps
herself quite aloof. Perhaps she is about following
the example of her sister. (This refers to Nathan's
second daughter Augusta Maria Seers, who while in
New Haven with her grandmother, read philosophy on
the sly, hiding the books so that no one should know
she would do anything so unmaidenly. She and William
Isaac Seers, son of Isaac Seers and his wife Eliza W
Townsend, fell in love. When the family found it
out they separated the lovers, and later Augusta's
family persuaded her to marry Isaac Darling of Sandusky
Ohio, who was fifteen years her senior. William Isaac
Seers never married, and to the end of his life sent to
Augusta books and magazines, that she might continue
her "unmaidenly" pursuit of learning.)

We hear very favorably of all your children. You did

not allude to your wife in particular. Hope she is well, she would find many here who would like to see her cheerful face again, and we hope she will come and make a good long visit.

Our friends are pretty well. There are a few sad exceptions to this. Maria Tomlinson has had a bad cough all winter, and the unfavorable weather of spring keeps her down. Next week she contemplates a journey to Vermont, and we hope it may result favorable. Margaret Cowper has been making us a visit. She is much improved and beloved by us all and her husband is one of the best. But poor Abby has been troubled all winter with the worst kind of rheumatism, but it is a common complaint and not much thought of by those who have never had it. I hope the summer may remove it. I feel very comfortable for my years. I got ready to go to church last Sabbath but the weather was so cold they dare not have me venture out. I hope to go next Sabbath. Timothy has returned and is doing business here.

Caddy is a great help to us all. She is very kind. She came near being married, but we can not spare her. George Townsend has recently married a young lady from Kentucky 23 years younger than himself. They are now in town at the Pavilion. She is said to be very lovely.

I have been expecting you on ever since May, and felt greatly disappointed that you did not come. If you do not come this fall I shall still feel greatly sad, bring your children if you can. Although comfortable, I am lame and feeble of course, but feel anxious to see you once more. I expected a great deal of comfort with your Aunt Elias Beers, but she never got over the fatigue of the journey here and I suppose it shortened her days.

My love to all and should be happy to see you all

Your affectionate mother

Mary Beers

(The following letter is from Mary Phelps Beers Gibbs to her mother Louisa Ashley Beers written from Dubuque Iowa, I think before the Civil War, but exact year is not known.)

Dear Mother:

I have been trying for the last four or five weeks to write to you but could not get at it. My baby will be eight weeks old Tuesday. I am very well and have the sweetest babe you ever saw. I meant to have his little dogtype taken to send to you by _____ if I can. He has very thick dark hair, a very high forehead and blue eyes. I think he is going to be a Gibbs. He has all been pretty well this summer, only Lucius has had the ague some and says he feels awful today. Randal has had two spells of it and is having it again today. The water has been very high most of the season or for 5 or 6 weeks and so they could not use the mill, and I think that is the reason of it, but I suppose they would not like to say that was it.

The children are having vacation now so I have them all at home. I tell you I have my hands full with the five. I don't know as I told you that Luty went to school. They had a grand picnic at the winding up of the term out on Kelley's bluff. There were fifteen hundred and twelve scholars. They gave every one a large paper of candy. Lucius took the children to town on the 4th to the celebration. I stayed at home with baby (he has no name yet). Father Darling is to Isaac's. He will stay till the last of August, when he will go to Oberlin to commencement. Augusta was over here day before yesterday. She has been having her teeth fixed up. I believe she had 18 filled.

You spoke about Eddie's going to Ohio. I hardly know what to think about having him go. He wants so much training that I should feel it would hardly be best, and then another thing, I think he would not behave as I want him to. He and Alice both calculate to go. Alice is determined to go. She thinks she has quite a

notion to learn to work so she could help you, but I think you would find it pretty poor help. When I read your letter to them the tears came in her eyes. She said you did not want her so much as you did Eddy because you did not say anything about her coming. I think you and Pa better come out this fall and we will see about it. I am determined to have you come. I think September will be the pleasantest time. I should think you would want to come to see your new grandchild.

Eddy has just come in, he wants me to tell you he wants to come and stay. Luty wants you to bring out one of the horses. Fanny and Toddy want me to tell Grandma they both have some new hats, and Toddy wants me to tell you she has lots of new clothes, a new white dress and a pair of gaiters. Toddy enjoyed the things you sent her very much, the belt and parasaul in particular. She used to wear the belt to school and all the girls would be teasing her to lend it to them, all but one, so she let her take it because she did not ask for it. It did her a great deal of good though to think they all wanted it so bad.

Jesse has moved up on the bluff in a very pleasant place. Their nearest neighbor is Mr West.

Where are Aunt Harriet and her girls. How does Abigail get along with Sidney's wife? What is the news from New Haven? Are any more of the folks going to Missouri? And how do Mina and Bradley like it there? And do you hear anything from Nell? Now be sure and write.

Yours affectionately

Mary P. Gibbs

BEERS.

Beers, Anthony b Gravesend, Eng., m there Elizabeth _____ 1646
d at sea (Fairfield, Conn.) 1678. His wife Elizabeth
d at Stratford, Conn., date not known. Their son,

Barnabas b Roxbury, Mass 9-6-1658 d at Stratford, Conn.
4-4-1688 d there 1714, m Elizabeth Wilcoxon b Stratford,
Conn., 7-2-1666 d there 10-11-1694. She was a dau of
Deacon John Wilcoxon b in Eng., 1633 m Stratford, Conn.,
to Elizabeth Bourne. He d there 11-1690. She d there
10-8-1668. John Wilcoxon was a son of Margaret _____
b in Eng., 1611 d Stratford Conn 1655 m in Eng. to
William Wilcoxon b 1601 d in Stratford, Conn., 1652.

Josiah Beers, son of Elizabeth Wilcoxon and Barnabas Beers,
b Stratford, Conn., 8-2-1693 married there to Elizabeth
Ufford, b there 4-2-1698 d there 9-11-1783. Josiah d
12-2-1763 at Stratford, Conn.,
Elizabeth Ufford was dau of Lieut. Samuel Ufford, b Milford,
Conn., 6-25-1670 m there 12-5-1694 to Elizabeth Curtis
d there 12-30-1746. Elizabeth Curtis b Stratford, Conn.,
1-17-1677 or 8 d there date not known- She was a day of
Judge Joseph Curtis b Stratford, Conn., 11-12-1650 m there
11-9-1676 to Bethia Booth b there 8-12-1658. Judge Joseph
Curtis d there 1748. He was the son of John Curtis bp
Hazing, Eng., 2-26-1614 or 15 m in E. Feathersfield, Conn.,
1640 to Elizabeth _____ who d in Stratford, 3-9-1681. He
d there 12-8-1707. John Curtis was a son of John Curtis
bp Hazing, Eng., 9-15-1597 m there 4-12-1610 to Elizabeth
Hutchins who d in Stratford, Conn., 6-2-1658. He is believed
to have died in Feathersfield, Conn. 1639.

Bethia Booth wife of Judge Joseph Curtis b Stratford, Conn.,
8-12-1658 was a dau of Richard Booth b Great Badsworth,
Eng., 8-2-1608, d 1688 in Stratford, Conn., m Elizabeth
Hawley b Parvick, Eng., 1603 d in Stratford, Conn.

Nathan Beers I son of Elizabeth Ufford and Josiah Beers
b Stratford, Conn. 8-23-1718 m there 1-27-1741 to
Hannah Nichols b there 5-16-1716 d New Haven, Conn., 2-12-
1764. Nathan Beers I d at New Haven, 7-10-1779.

Nathan Beers II son of Hannah Nichols & Nathan I b at
Stratford, Conn., 2-24-1753 m at New Haven 5-26-1781
Mary Phelps. He d there 2-10-1849.

NICHOLS.

Nichols, Sgt. Francis Nichols b in Eng., 1600 d in Stratford, Conn., 1650, wife's name not known.

Isaac Nichols b in Eng. 1625 m 1646 to Margaret _____ d in Stratford, Conn. 1695.

Johnathan Nichols b Stratford, Conn., 12-20-1635 m Hannah Hawkins 12-21-1681. She was a dau of Anthony Hawkins and Anne Welles. She was born in Farmington, Conn., 1661 d at Stratford Conn 7-23-1698. Anne Welles was a dau of Gov. Thomas Welles b Stourton, Eng., 1694 m in Eng., 1615 to Alice Tomes who d in Weathersfield, Conn., 1646. Gov. Welles died there 1-14-1659 re 60.

Johnathan Nichols II son of Hannah Hawkins and Johnathan I b Stratford, Conn., 9-12-1687 m Sarah Beach b Stratford, Conn., 7-13-1697 m 12-22-1713. Johnathan II d at Stratford, Conn., 11-6-1760.

Sarah Beach was dau of Lt. Joseph Beach b Stratford, Conn., 2-5-1671 m there 1696 to Abiah Booth dau Ebenezer Booth and Hannah _____. Ebenezer Booth b Stratford, Conn. 11-16-1651 d 1732, was a son of Elizabeth Hawley b Perwick, Eng., 1603 m Richard Booth b Great Budworth Eng., 2-2-1608 m 1638.

Hannah Nichols was dau Sarah Beach & Johnathan Nichols II b Stratford, Conn., 5-26-1716 m Nathan Beere I , 1-27-1741 d at New Haven, Conn., 2-12-1764.

PHELPS.

Most of the Phelps record comes from a chart prepared by OLIVER SEYMOUR PHELPS and published in Canada 1860. Other items furnished by I.H. Peck, a descendant of Judge John Phelps, and some other items picked up here and there, names noted in the material.

OLIVER SEYMOUR PHELPS b at Ludlowville, Tomkins Ct., N.Y. Jan 12, 1816 m 1. Hester Ann Dexter May 16 1838 who d Jan 26 1849 m 2. Eliza Rebecca Layton July 31 1850, and now (1860) resides in St. Catherine C.N.

"Oliver Seymour Phelps is the 13 child of Oliver & Abigail St. John Phelps of Old Simsbury, Conn., who was the 3rd child of Noah Phelps 3rd and Sarah Adams Phelps of Old Simsbury, Conn., who was the 7th child of Noah Phelps 2nd & Mary Phelps of Hebron, Conn., who was the eldest son of Noah Phelps 1 and Ann Byer of Hebron, Conn., who was the 3rd child of Timothy Phelps and Martha Crow of Windsor, Conn., who was the eldest son of Timothy Phelps and Mary Griswold of Windsor, Conn., who was the 5th son of William and Mary Cover Phelps of Old Exeter, Eng., who came to New England on the Mary & John 1830., who was the son of John Phelps (private secretary of Oliver Cromwell about the year 1656) of Kether Tyne Eng., and whose children were, Anthony, William, John (Geo. supposed) and several others., who was the son of Francis Phyllippes who d in the reign of Edward VI about the year 1550, whose ancestors had been established in the county Stafford, and whose family seats were at Weston, Warwickshire, and Ledgeley, Lancaster, Eng. "

This chart differs from some other records in that it claims that Richard Phelps (who is usually listed as a son of William and his wife Elizabeth) is the son of George Phelps.

The name Phelps has undergone many changes before it reached its present spelling. As far back as 1272-1370 we find mention of this old familie under Phylps, Phelipes-Philip- Phelips- and Phelpee. From 1450 for the next one hundred years, we find reference to this familie under Felpee-Phelpee-Phelps and Felpes.

During the time of Queen Elizabeth 1558 to 1552 we find Phelps-Phelham & Fillham all refering to the same familie. About 1600 it took the spelling of Phillips-Phelipes-Phelpees and Phelps.

In various registers of the University of Oxford, which are very important authorities, names spelled in the following forms, are found to be identical; Philips-Philippa-Philippes-Philipp-Phellepps and Phyllippes.

Several authorities claim the Phelps original familie name was "Welf". They went from North of Italy in the 11th Century to Germany, then spelling the name "Guelphs or Welfs". In the 16th century they crossed to England where the name after various forms of spelling became Phelps.

American historians have given the title of "Pilgrims" to those who first settled New England, and "Puritans" to those who settled Plymouth in 1620, and who afterwards incorporated with the Mass. Bay Company and their settlers.

The Pilgrims first emigrated from England to Leyden, Holland in 1609 on account of their religious persecutions and in 1620 to Plymouth in the Mayflower.

In 1623 the charter of the Mass. Bay Company was granted, and confirmed in 1631. The same year the Company decided to transfer their government to New England, and Salem and Charleston were settled. In 1630 not less than seventeen vessels with from 16 to 1700 emigrants arrived in New England. Foremost of these ships was the "Mary & John" Capt Squob, Commander, of 400 tons burden, sailing from Plymouth, Eng., March 20 1630 and landing at Nantasket (now Hull) May 30 1630 with 140 passengers being over two months in passage.

Says Dr. Stiles in his History of Windsor, "Their original destination was the Charles River, but an unfortunate misunderstanding, which arose between the Captain and his passengers, resulted in the passengers being put ashore at Nantasket, where they were obliged to shift for themselves as best they could."

Besides the two ministers, Rev. John Warevick and Rev. John Barham, they were men of character and education. Several gentlemen past middle age, with adult families and good estate were added.

James Phelps b ab 1520 according to records of family in Teakbury, Gloucestershire Eng., Abbey Church, is supposed to be a brother of Frances Phylpps of Stratfordshire, Eng.

1588 Commission issued to Joan Phelps relict James Phelps, deceased to and her goods and chattels of said deceased.

CHILDREN OF JOAN AND JAMES PHELPS.

Bp in Tewkesbury Abbey

- 1560 William Aug 4 m Dorothy about 1526
- 1563 Thomas Aug 10
- 1566 George Sept 5
- 1572 Alice Dec 24
- 1578 Edward May 10
- 1580 Kenline Oct 16
- 1583 Richard Oct 16
- 1584 Robert July 18

The prerogative Court of Canterbury commissioned to Dorothy Phelps relict of William Phelps late of Tewkesbury, deceased, to admr the goods and chattels of the said deceased who probably d 1611. Dorothy d 1613.

CHILDREN OF DOROTHY & WILLIAM PHELPS.

Bp in Tewkesbury Abbey

- 1587 Mary Sept 4
- 1588 Mary Apr 23
- 1590 Thomas June 24
- 1595 Dorothy Feb 29
- 1599 William Aug 19 emigrated to New England 1630
- 1601 James July 14
- 1603 Elizabeth May 9
- 1606 George emigrated to New England 1630
(not bapt at Tewkesbury)

With the 140 emigrants on the "Mary & John" in 1630 were William Phelps and his wife and six children and his brother George. Some records say George was not married, and the chart printed in 1860 says he was the father of Richard bp 1619. This seems a bit unlikely for George would be only 14 at that time. The Phelps family settled in Dorchester, Mass. William was a surveyor and is mentioned many times in the town records. In 1635 his wife Elizabeth died and in 1638 he married Mary Tower, one of the passengers on the "Mary & John". She died in Windsor, Conn 1675. William died there July 14 1672 and his will is in Windsor Church records.

Phelps Genealogy by Judge Oliver Seymour of Portland, Oregon and Andrew Saryin of Lenox, Mass pub 1899, says that the name of William's first wife is not known.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH & WILLIAM PHELPS.

1619 Richard bp Taunbury Dec 26
1620 William b in Eng. m 1 Isabel Wilson & Sarah Priney
1623 Sarah in Eng. m Wm Wade
1626 Samuel m Sarah Griswold
1627 Nathaniel m Elizabeth Copley widow with three children
1629 Joseph m Hannah Newton & Mary Salton

CHILDREN OF MARY DOVER AND WILLIAM PHELPS.

1639 Timothy (Lieut) b in Windsor, Conn Sept 1 m Mary Griswold
1644 Mary " Mar 2 m Thos. Barber

Of the sons of William Phelps, the emigrant, the chart
of 1660 gives the following.

1619 Richard, no record at all
1620 William no issue

SAMUEL PHELPS

1625-1669

He married at Windsor, Conn., Sarah Griswold, dau of Edward
b in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, Eng., Nov 10, 1650. After
the death of Samuel, Sarah m Nathaniel Pinney (son of
Humphrey) and had two children by him.

CHILDREN OF SARAH GRISWOLD & SAMUEL PHELPS

1652 Samuel Jr bp Sept 2 no record
1654 Sarah bp May 16
1656 Timothy b Oct 26 m 1 Sarah Baylord
2 Sarah Pratt
1658 Mary Oct (her birth not recorded until
after her father's death)
1660 William Nov 3 m Hannah Hayden 1693 he d 1711
1662 John July 7 no children
1663 Ephraim Nov 1 m _____ Joggare 1691 May 31
1665 Abigail
1667 Josiah Dec 15 m Apr 26 1690 _____ Winchell

1627 Nathaniel see page 87 -88-89

1629 Joseph see page 93

Of the children of Sarah Griswold & Samuel Phelps

1652 Samuel no record
1656 Timothy see page 85
1660 William see page 85
1663 Ephraim see page 86
1667 Josiah see page 86

TIMOTHY PHELPS
1656-

Timothy Phelps, b 1656 son of Sarah Griswold and Samuel Phelps
m at Windsor, Conn., 1 Sarah Gaylord, dau of Walter, Nov 18
1686, she died July 10 1688. He m 2 Sarah Pratt Nov 18 1690.

CHILDREN OF SARAH GAYLORD & TIMOTHY PHELPS

1685 Stephen no record
1687 Sarah Dec 5
1689 Timothy, who died young

WILLIAM PHELPS
1660-1711

William Phelps, son of Sarah Griswold and Samuel Phelps
was b Mar 3 1660. He m Hannah Hayden Jan 4 1693.
He d Nov 4 1711.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH HAYDEN & WILLIAM PHELPS

1694 Hannah Oct 13
1696 Phoebe Sept 1
1699 William July 13 no record
1700 Daniel m 1 Mindwell Buckland Nov 9 1728
2 Hannah Sept 26 1730
1703 John Mar 21 she d Sept 1 1777 m Sarah Cornish
Nov 4 1728 she d Sept 5 1777

CHILDREN OF MINDWELL BUCKLAND & DANIEL PHELPS

1729 Mindwell Sept 30
1730 Daniel Apr 26 no record
1730 Sarah June 17 (this is evidently an
error, but I copied it as printed in
the chart of 1860.)
1731 Hannah

CHILDREN OF SARAH CORNISH & JOHN PHELPS.

1733 John May 14)
1737 Eliza Mar 27) no record
1744 Elizabeth May 21

EPHRIAM PHELPS
1663-

Ephriam Phelps son of Sarah Griswold and Samuel Phelps b
Nov 1 1663 record badly torn so death date is not shown.
m _____ Joggers May 21 1691. He probably had more children
than is here recorded, because so much of the record is
missing.

CHILDREN OF _____ JOGGERS & EPHRIAM PHELPS.

1692 Ephriam Sept 23 m Sarah Owen

CHILDREN OF SARAH OWEN & EPHRIAM PHELPS JR.

1716 Mary Dec 24

* 1718 Ephriam June 29

1720 Ann Oct 1

1723 David & _____ twins May 24.

- * Gazetteer Grafton County New Hampshire pub 1886 early settlers
of Oxford. Ephriam Phelps came from Hebron, Conn about 1785
note by Miss Lucile Hutson of Sandusky, Ohio 1946. (This
would no doubt be the Ephriam b 1718)

JOSIAH PHELPS
1667-

- # Samuel Phelps came around 1773

Josiah Phelps, son of Sarah Griswold and Samuel Phelps b 1667
Dec 15, date of death missing from record. so badly torn
we can not tell if he had more children than here listed.
He m _____ Winchell Apr 26 1690.

CHILDREN OF _____ WINCHELL & JOSIAH PHELPS

1693 Sarah Aug 11

1695

1698 Lois July 14

- # Samuel who perhaps m Rachel Owen Aug 28 1713

1699

1702 Mary Aug 18

1705 Jerusha

1708 Josiah Aug 24 m 1. Ann _____ 1733 Sept 14
2. Hannah Saxton of Simsbury
Conn.

BILDAD PHELPS
1739-1809

Bildad Phelps was son of Hannah Saxton & Josiah Phelps. He
had 5 children but the names of only 2 are on the record
and his wife's name is not there either.

1753 _____ 1768 Mark Tully Cicero Mar 10

1759 _____ 1771 Cyrus June 5 1773 _____ July 28

NATHANIEL PHELPS I

1627-1702

Nathaniel Phelps b England 1627 d Northampton, Mass., May 27 1702. He was the fourth son of Elizabeth & William, the emigrant. He m at Windsor, Conn., Sept 17, 1660, widow Elizabeth Copley, who had three children. She d Northampton Dec 6 1712. They had 3 children born at Windsor. The last 3 were born at Northampton.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH COPLEY & NATHANIEL PHELPS

1651 Mary June 21 m Nathas Clossen
1653 Nathaniel June 2 m Grace Martin
1655 Abigail Apr 15 m John Alvord d aged
101 yr 4m 4 d
1657 William June 22 m Abigail Stebbins
1661 Thomas May 20 d unmarried
1662 Marcy d July 15 1662

Of the children of Elizabeth Copley and Nathaniel Phelps,
only two carry on the name,

1653 Nathaniel Jr or Nathaniel II pages 87-88 Nathaniel III 89
1657 William no record

NATHANIEL PHELPS JR. II

1653-1719

Nathaniel Phelps Jr. b Windsor, Conn., June 2 1653 d Northampton, Mass., June 19, 1719. He is usually referred to as Deacon Nathaniel Phelps. He m at Northampton, Aug 27 1676 Grace, dau William & Lydia Marsh Martin, b in England 1656 d Northampton Aug 2 1727. Her father, William Martin was b Mar 25 1672 son of Grace Marsh & John Martin. Lydia Marsh was a daughter of Grace Baldwin, 1592-1627, and John Marsh 1629-1627.

CHILDREN OF GRACE MARTIN & NATHANIEL PHELPS II

- 1677 Grace Nov 11 d 1677
- 1678 Nathaniel III d 1690
- 1680 Samuel Dec 18 d Dec 9 1745 m Dec 18 1706
Mary Edwards, dau Benjamin Edwards, they
had 6 children- their names not on chart
of 1860.
- 1683 Lydia Jan 17 d Hadley, Mass., m Mark Warner
son of Mark 1701- 11 children- names not
on chart.
- 1685 Grace Nov 10 m Samuel Marshall 1713
- 1688 Elizabeth Feb 19 second wife of Johnathan
Wright m 1724- 3 children
- 1690 Abigail Nov 3 m John Laughton 1708
- 1692 Nathaniel III Feb 13 d 1747 Oct 14 m 1716
1 Abigail Burnham who d Jan 2 1723
2 Catherine King dau John- widow of Mr
Hitchcock Mar 27 1730- 9 children
- 1695 Sarah May 8 d 1768 m Dec 16 1714 David Burt
& children
- 1697 Timothy May 8 d Suffield, Conn., Dec 3 1782
m at Springfield, Mass., Jan 18 1786
Abigail Merrick dau Capt. John Merrick &
Mary Day. She was b Springfield Apr 5
1702 d Suffield Aug 16 1791

Of the children of Grace Martin & Deacon Nathaniel Phelps
only three carry on the name.

1680 Samuel & Mary Edwards whose 6 children are not on our
chart of 1860.

1692 Nathaniel III see page 89

1697 Timothy & Abigail Merrick. see page 90-91

Of Nathaniel III I have two separate records. The following
was furnished by Miss Edith Hookins of NYC, N.Y.

NATHANIEL PHELPS III

1692 1747

Nathaniel m 1 Lois _____ 1717

2 Abigail Burnham b 1697 d Aug 27 1727

3. Catherine King, widow of a Mr Hickok. after the
death of Nathaniel Phelps in 1747 she m
Gideon Lysen.

CHILDREN OF LOIS ____ & NATHANIEL PHELPS III

1718 Lois May 10 m John Viets- 3 children- Eunice
 Lois
 Abner
 Asariah
 Job
 Abner

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL BURNHAM & NATHANIEL PHELPS III

1717 Charles m 1 Dorothy Root
 2 Esther Kuseland
 1719 Anne Phelps d in infancy
 ____ Nathaniel m 1 Elizabeth Childs
 2 Widow Rebecca Childs
 1723 Martin m Martha Parsons their son was
 Dr. Martin Phelps of Baptist Church of
 Chester
 1723 Anne twin sister of Martin m Elias Lyman

CHILDREN OF CATHERINE KING & NATHANIEL PHELPS III

1731 Catharine m Samuel Parsons
 1732 Lydia m Eleazer Poseroy
 1734 John m Mary Ashley
 1736 Habitabl d same day

There is apparently something wrong with this table. It is placed here for comparison with one furnished by I.H. Peck who does not mention wife Lois at all.

Nathaniel Phelps III m Mar 1 1716 Abigail Burnham who d 1-2-1723
 2 Catherine King dau of John King
 widow of a Mr. Hitchcock 9 children

This part of the chart of 1860 is entirely missing.

It might be possible that Nathaniel III married
 1. Abigail Burnham 1716- she d 1723 - 4 children
 2. Lois ____ b 1696 m 1724- 4 children
 3. Catherine King about 1730- 4 children.

TIMOTHY PHELPS
1697 1788

Timothy Phelps b at Northampton, Mass., 1697, the youngest son of Grace Martin and Deacon Nathaniel Phelps, m at Springfield, Mass., Jan 13 1726 Abigail Merrick, dau of Capt. John Merrick and Mary Day. Abigail was b Springfield, Apr 5, 1702 d Suffield Aug 16 1791.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL MERRICK & TIMOTHY PHELPS.

- 1726 Timothy bp Dec 18 1726 d Hartford, Conn.,
Aug 22 1759 unmarried.
- 1728 Grace Sp Sept 15 m Suffield Nov 11 1743
Simeon Baldwin.
- 1729 John Feb m Mary Richardson
- 1731 Abigail Nov 14 d 1816 m Dec 31 1749
Daniel Austin 1 dau
- 1734 Aaron bp May 5 d June 24 1806 m Apr 3 1760
Ruth Hathaway 11 children
- 1737 Mary bp May 23 d Nov 2 1737
- 1738 Seth bp Dec 3 d Apr 28 1762 unmarried
- 1741 Samuel bp Nov 29 d Oct 20 1768 m Lucy Kent
1 child

Of the children of Abigail Merrick and Timothy Phelps,
those who carry on the name are,

- 1734 Aaron & Ruth Hathaway- not on chart of 1860- unless
their record is on the part torn away.
- 1741 Samuel & Lucy Kent, " "
- 1729 John & Mary Richardson " for the record of this
family we are indebted to I.H. Peck of New York.
This family has descendants in the Firelands, and so
is important to this book.

JOHN PHELPS.
1729- 1804

Although there is no record of his birth in Suffield, where the other children of Abigail Merrick and Timothy Phelps are recorded, he is presumed to be their son. No probate of his father's will can be found according to "The Phelps Family in America." He m 1 Mary Richardson, dau of widow Abigail Richardson who was b in Edinburgh Scotland 1733 and d at Stafford Springs Apr 12 1776 aged 43 years.

He m 2 at Stafford Springs, Dec 5 1776 Mrs. Ruth Bernard
of Coventry, Conn, who was b in 1751 and d at Stafford
Springs Aug 23 1800 in her 50th year (church record)
He m 3 Elizabeth _____ who was b 1744 and d at Stafford
Springs May 7 1817 aged 73 years (gravestone)

When John Phelps first came to Stafford Springs is not known
but he was there when the church records start in 1757.
He held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years,
and represented the town in the legislature several times.
He was also a delegate to the state convention which
ratified the constitution of the United States.

In 1779 John Phelps & Co built the first blast furnace in the
town, and it was this furnace which supplied the
continental army with cannon shot.

He was early appointed an officer in the State Militia and
is referred to in the church records of the town by his
military title. It was not until the last few years of his
life that the military title was dropped and he was referred
to as Esquire.

1758	appointed Ensign in First Company Third Reg.
1759	" " " " Fourth Reg.
1755	Lieutenant " " Seventh " Fifth Reg.
1769	Capt. " " "
1786	Major " " Second Reg

1778 Colonial Assembly appointed Capt. John Phelps
to solicit subscriptions to the loan office certificates.

1781 at a meeting of Governor and Council of Safety held at
Hartford June 13 it was resolved to pay Capt. John
Phelps for ironware and shot supplied to the State.

1777 Capt. John Phelps was admitted freeman of the town.

1770 Capt John Phelps and wife Mary admitted to membership
in the church

1777 his second wife, Ruth admitted on recommendation of
Rev Nathan Williams of Tolland.

1787 Samuel Ward Phelps, child of Daniel Phelps of Lebanon,
N.H. was bp at Stafford Springs, "He was presented
by his grandfather Major John Phelps who has engaged
to educate him in his family."

John Phelps was a large landowner in the town of Stafford, so much so that his name in the land record indices is considered a great embarrassment to any one tracing titles. It is said he was the first and for a considerable time the only owner of a "chaise" in the town. A chaise in 1790 was a real luxury in Stafford since there were no carriage roads out of the town, only horse trails.

John Phelps, Esquire, is buried with his three wives and his eldest son in Stafford Street Old Cemetery. A photograph of a full length portrait of him appears in the "Phelps Family of America."

His is a typical story of America for when he was 19 years old and fell in love with Mary Richardson then 13 years old, he was very poor. The Richardsons were wealthy and aristocratic, and confined Mary to her room. But the lovers with the help of her colored nurse, eloped and were married.

CHILDREN OF MARY RICHARDSON & JOHN PHELPS
(from baptismal records of Congregational
Church at Stafford Springs.)

- 1752 John d Stafford Springs Apr 29 1770 ae 18
1754 Daniel b July 28 1774 Elizabeth Green, one known son.
1756 David d St. Louis Mo. m ____ 9 children according to
the genealogy
1757 Esther bp Oct 30 m Elijah Austin son of Alice 1776
2. Peleg Sanford of New Haven 1798
3. Elias Lewis of New Haven
1759 Timothy bp Dec 30 d on voyage to St. Thomas, West
Indies Nov 20 1812, he m
1. Janet dau of Gen. Samuel Broome (the ancestor of
Gen. Wainwright of World War II) Mar 21 1795
at New Haven, Conn.
2. Henrietta Broome (sister of Janet) 1803
3. _____
12 children
1763 Mary b Mar 18 (family Bible) bp Mar 20 d at New Haven
- Capt 5 1861 m at New Haven May 26 1781 Deacon Nathan
Beers (soldier of the Rev.) son of Nathan Beers and
Hannah Nichols. Their descendants in the Firelands.
12 children
1765 Josiah bp July 21 m Roxanna Newcomb Jan 31 1783 Somers Conn
1767 Eleanor bp Oct 13 m Consider Bass at Stafford Springs
1770 Abigail bp Feb 18 d Aug 24 1852 New Haven m Jan 23 1790
Judge Isaac Villa son of Judge Elisha and Mary de Forest
Their descendants in Sandusky, Ohio. 9 children
1773 Samuel
1776 a daughter who d next day.

JOSEPH PHELPS
1689- 1684

Joseph Phelps was a son of Elizabeth _____ & William the
emigrant. He m 1 Hannah Newton by whom he had 5 children
2 Mary Saloon, no issue.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH NEWTON & JOSEPH PHELPS.

1667 Joseph II who died at Simsbury, Conn 1750.

other names torn from the record

JOSEPH PHELPS II
1667 1750

Joseph Phelps II son of Hannah Newton and Joseph Phelps I
was probably born in Windsor, Conn, but at an early age
he settled in Simsbury, Conn. There he was a Justice for
many years, and was elected a representative to the
General Assembly 28 times. He d Jan 20 1750. He married
three times,

1. Mary Collier who d 1697-She was of Hartford, Conn.
2. Sarah Case, daughter of John
3. Mary Case, rest of the record too badly torn to
make out.

CHILDREN OF MARY COLLIER & JOSEPH PHELPS II

1659 Joseph III who settled at Turkey Hills near E.Granby, Conn
he m 1 Hannah Clark
2 Rebecca North

1693 Hannah Oct 25 m Samuel Humphrey 1710 Feb 23
1696 Mary d 1713 unmarried

CHILDREN OF SARAH CASE & JOSEPH PHELPS II

1710 Samuel Oct 16 no record

The Children of Joseph Phelps II to carry on the name would
be

1659 Joseph Phelps III and Hannah Clark & Rebecca North of
E. Granby, Conn. no further record of this family on
chart of 1660

1710 Samuel

TIMOTHY PHELPS
1636- 1719

Timothy Phelps, son of Mary Cover and William the emigrant was born 1636. He m May 1 1661 Mary Griswold, dau of Edward b Oct 5 bp Oct 13 1644.

Timothy was made a freeman May 2 1664. In 1690 commissioned Lieut. of Train Band. In 1695 he was chosen Capt. and Court gave him his commission 1709. He served under Col. Wm. Whiting in Capt. Mathew Allens Co in 1719. His will dated May 2 1717 mentions all his children but Mary, who died young. His will Hartford Probate Records Vol 9, p 333.

CHILDREN OF MARY GRISWOLD & TIMOTHY PHELPS

1663 Timothy b Windsor m Martha Crow 1686
1666 Joseph Sept 27 m Sarah Hoeford Nov 18 1686
he was a large land holder in Hebron, Conn d 1716
1668 William b Feb 1 m 1 Abigail Mudge 1699 Dec 7 she d 1705
2 Ruth Barber Apr 18 1706
1671 Cornelius Apr 26 m Sarah Mansfield Nov 2 1704
1673 Mary Aug 14 d 1690 Mar 23
1675 Samuel Jan 29 m Abigail Enno Apr 4 1707
1677 Nathaniel Jan 7 m Hannah Bissell Mar 28 1700
moved to Hebron, Conn., 1690
1679 Sarah Dec 27 d without issue
1682 Abigail June 5 m Samuel Marshall July 12 1706
1684 Hannah Aug 4
1686 Ann Oct 2 m David Porter 1707
1688 Nov 12 Martha m Col Samuel Holcomb 1707

Of the children of Mary Griswold & Timothy Phelps
Those to carry on the name were:

1663 Timothy & Martha Crow p 95
1666 Joseph & Sarah Hoeford p 101-102
1668 William & Ruth Barber & Abigail Mudge p 103
1671 Cornelius & Sarah Mansfield p 104
1675 Samuel & Abigail Enno p 105
1677 Nathaniel & Hannah Bissell p 105-106-107

TIMOTHY PHELPS II
1663 17__

Timothy II was son of Mary Griswold & Timothy Phelps I.
In 1690 with his younger brother, Nathaniel b 1677
he moved to Hebron, Conn., where he was a selectman and
his brother town clerk at first election 1709. He m
Martha Crow Nov 4 1685 dau Christopher and Mary Crow.

CHILDREN OF MARTHA CROW & TIMOTHY PHELPS II

1690 Martha Oct 29
1692 Timothy June 29 m Hannah Calkins July 29 1714
1694 Noah Jan 23 m Ann Dyer Oct 1 1719
1698 Cornelius Mar 5 m Margaret Dewey Jan 13 1721
1702 Charles July 26 m Hepzibah Stiles
1704 Ashtel m Ann Finney no record
1706 Hannah Jan 29 m Benjamin Smith

Of the Children of Martha Crow and Timothy Phelps II
those to carry on the name were:-

1692 Timothy III & Hannah Calkins
1694 Noah & Ann Dyer page 96-97
1698 Cornelius & Margaret Dewey p 99-100
1702 Charles & Hepzibah Stiles p 100
1704 Ashtel & Ann Finney- of this last we have no record.

TIMOTHY PHELPS III
1692-

Timothy Phelps III b 1692 m Hannah Calkins July 9 1714.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH CALKINS & TIMOTHY PHELPS III

1718 Timothy June 29 m Hannah Northam 1734 Sept 16
Their children
1746 Rachel Dec 26
1749 Timothy V Dec 29 and others not named
1721 Ada Feb 25)
1723 Nathan May 23) nothing more of these on
1726 Mary Mar 7) chart of 1860
1729 Jeremiah July 30)
1731 Mary Dec 28)

NOAH PHELPS 1694 I.

Noah Phelps son of Martha Crow and Timothy II b at
Hebron, Conn., Jan 23 m Ann Dyer Oct 1 1719- 6 children

CHILDREN OF ANN DYER & NOAH PHELPS

1720 Noah Jr Nov 2 m Mary _____ 1742- 10 children
1722 Barrett Sept 20 m Hannah Sigelow 1751
1724 Elisha m Jessica Wilson 1748
1726 Mary
1727 Hannah
1730 Ann

The chart says and others, but no more dates
or names follow.

Of the children of Ann Dyer and Noah I these to carry
on the name were:- page 97

1720 Noah II and Mary _____
1722 Barrett & Hannah Sigelow
1724 Elisha & Jessica Wilson

ELISHA PHELPS
1724

He m Jessica Wilson Aug 1 1748 On the chart it is also written Elijah.

CHILDREN OF JESSICA WILSON & ELISHA PHELPS.

It says they had many offspring, but no names or dates are
set down on the chart.

BARRETT PHELPS
1742

Barrett Phelps He m Hannah Sigelow of Colchester 1751, they
are the ancestors of the Phelps families of Boston, Mass. and
Aylmer C.B. Only part of the record of their family is on the
chart of 1860.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH SIGELOW & BARRETT PHELPS

1751 Eli Oct 8
1753 Hannah July 14
1755 Ann May 17
1756 Elisha Dec 18, then it says "Davis and several others."

NOAH PHELPS II
1780

Noah Phelps II son of Ann Dyer and Noah I m Mary _____
1742 and about 1760 moved to Old Simsbury, Conn., now
called Granby, Conn.

CHILDREN OF NOAH PHELPS II & MARY _____

1743 Lazarus Feb 17
1744 Jonah Oct 11 m Sarah dau of Josiah Wack of Hebron, Conn.
13 children age 10 to 53
1746 Peleg June 22
1748 Mary May 7 d Dec 28 same year
1749 Levi Nov 24
1752 David July 11
1754 Noah III b Aug m Sarah Adams Ja
1756 Esther Jan 12
1757 Mary Feb 9
1759 Rebecca Jan 2
1761 Sarah Dec 11

Of the children of Mary _____ & Noah Phelps II to carry on the
name are

1748 Peleg, no record
1749 Levi "
1752 David "
1754 Noah III and Sarah Adams see pages 98-

NOAH PHELPS III
1754-1796

Noah Phelps III son of Mary _____ & Noah II m Sarah Adams, dau
of Ephraim Adams and moved about 1792 to what was then called
Green River, Columbiana County, N.Y.

CHILDREN OF SARAH ADAMS & NOAH PHELPS III

1775 Sarah m Asa Harvey she d 1834 5 children
1778 Noah IV m Anna St. John of Stockbridge, Mass 4 children
1779 Oliver Seymour
1782 Levi & Levine twins Levi d same year
1784 Lydia m David Lord (not too sure it is Lord, as record bad)
1787 Warren m 1 Clarissa Judd 1805 2 Rhoda Higgins 1810
section of chart torn away
1791 Daniel d 1843 m Polly Fairchilds 1813 7 children

Of the children of Noah III and Sarah Adams those to carry on the name are:-

1778 Noah IV & Anna St John record torn away
1779 Oliver Seymour see page below.
1791 Daniel & Polly Fairchilds record torn away

OLIVER SEYMOUR PHELPS
1779 1851

Oliver Seymour Phelps, father of the man who made the chart in 1860, was born Dec 12 and m Abigail, youngest dau of Lieut. Samuel St. John of Stockbridge, Mass. She was a sister of the wife of his brother Noah. They were m July 16 1800 and next year moved to Cazenovia, Onondaga Co N.Y.. 1804 they moved to Fabius N.Y. 1811 to Ludlowville, Tompkins County, N.Y. and in 1825 to St. Catherines C.W. where he d May 4 1851. They had 17 children

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL ST JOHN & OLIVER PHELPS.

1800 Amelia d same day
1801 Cornelia July 25 d same day
1802 Cynthia m 1 Lewis Tocker, Esq. 1816 he d 1823 2 children died young
2. Lucius Winchester who d 1849
1803 Catherine d next day
1804 William d same day
1805 Orson m 1 Hannah Gunn d with child
2 Callista Maria Fisk only dau of Widow Maria Fisk of Cleveland, O- m at residence of her Aunt, Mrs. Sidway of Buffalo N.Y. Oct 6 184_ ?
their children
1847 Orson d 1852
1849 Maria Louisa
1851 Calvin
1808 Almira Jan 3 m 1827 Alpha Herbert Shaw son m Henry b 1828 m 2 _____ at Milan, O. where he d 1848
1809 Orrin Stone July 3
1810 Charlotte June 20 m Alpheus Spencer 9 children
1812 Orrin Stone May 23 d at St. Catherines C.W. 1837
m 1 Almada Louisa Pyer dau of Aurora & Luther 1838
1814 Lucinda m m Coach Fala at St. Catherines 1833
their sons 1835 m Lewis-1836 Lucius
1816 Oliver Seymour m 1 Hester Ann Dexter 1839 she d 1849 age 33
2 Eliza Rebecca dau of Lucina Layton and Job Mount

1816 Calvin m 1841 Julia Sophia Beach
 1820 Mary Ann m Wm Morehouse
 1822 Samuel
 1825 Maria Louisa
 1827 Elijah Holliser

CORNELIUS PHELPS
 1698 1760

Cornelius Phelps was the son of Martha Crow and Timothy Phelps
 b in Hebron, Conn., Mar 5 1698. He m Jan 18, 1721
 Margaret Dewey, dau Margaret Burrows and Nathaniel Dewey.
 She was b in Hebron Conn., Dec 11 1701, recorded in Lebanon
 Conn. She d in Hebron. He d there Aug 1760.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET DEWEY & CORNELIUS PHELPS
 (all born in Hebron, Conn.)

1722 Margaret Dec 11 m Asa Fuller
 1724 Farry Nov 8 d young
 1728 Cornelius II July 16 m Hannah Calkins 1757 no record
 1729 Sylvanus May 28 m Zerna Swartland
 1732 Jan 13 Jeroniah m Prudence Phelps
 1734 Isaac Feb 13 m Elijah Snell
 1736 Saezi Aug 26 m Samuel Palmer
 1738 Lydia July 2 m Fredrick Morrison
 1741 Theodora July 10
 1743 Judith Oct 26

Of the children of Margaret Dewey & Cornelius Phelps
 to carry on the name were:-

1726 Cornelius II who m 1757 Hannah Calkins and had several
 children, but their names not on chart of 1860
 1729 Sylvanus who m Zerna Swartland see p 100
 1732 Jeroniah who m Prudence Phelps, no record.

SYLVANUS PHELPS
 1729 1809

From Barber Collection in State Library, Hartford, Conn;
 Town Records of Hebron Conn. on Dec 13 1774 reference is
 made to Col. Sylvanus Phelps. He was chosen Lister in
 Town meeting Sept 19 1775- Town Records p 14 1732 Committeemen
 1733 Daniel Brown, Col. Jones and Sylvanus Phelps
 chosen auditors of town books p 1
 He m July 16 1755 Zerna Swartland.

CHILDREN OF NEREMIA SMARTLAND & SYLVANUS PHELPS.

1759 Herman Oct 3
 Elihu d 1761
 1759 Hannah Oct 3 m Andrew Mann-Ch Herman & Hannah twins
 1761 Nermin Apr 24
 1764 Abel Feb 20 m Susannah Phelps
 1766 Sylvanus July 15
 1769 Elihu Jan 17 m Lucy Hubbard
 1772 Chloe July 1
 1773 Aeenath July 5
 1774 Oliver Aug 15

We have no further information on the descendants of this family, except Abel p 110

CHARLES PHELPS 1702

Charles Phelps was a son of Martha Crow & Timothy Phelps,
 b 1702 m 1726 Feb 17 Hephizibah Stiles. He lived at Hebron,
 Conn.

CHILDREN OF HEPHIZIBAH STILES & CHARLES PHELPS.

1728 Amy Nov 11
 1729 Aurulab Apr 3
 1732 Charles Jr Sept 22
 1743 Ashbel Apr 29
 1744 Bethul Apr 29 m Caroline Lord

CHILDREN OF CAROLINE LORD & BETHUL PHELPS

1779 Lydia
 1783 Ephraim Lord May 16
 1789 Charles Stiles Phelps who was the father of
 Charles Edward Phelps b 1823 who was the
 father of Charles Edward Phelps b 1851
 & Arthur Sanford Phelps b 1853

The Chart of 1850 gives no further information on
 any of these and their descendants.

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1666-- 1716

Joseph Phelps was a son of Mary Griswold and Timothy Phelps, b Sept 27 1666 = 1688 Nov 13 to Sarah Hosford, daughter of Philliney Thell and John Hosford b in Windsor, Conn., Sept 27, 1666. They settled in Windsor, Conn where all their children were born, cased land in Hebron, Conn., and moved there about 1710, where some of his children were living. Joseph d Aug 30 1716 ae 50. His will dated Aug 23 1716. He mentions 10 children in his will, Joseph Jr. - Daniel - Edward - John - Abel - Ichabod - Johnathan - Mary - Sarah - Abigail.

CHILDREN OF SARAH HOSFORD & JOSEPH PHELPS.

1687 Sarah Aug 14
1689 Mary June 8 m Nathaniel Griswold
1692 Joseph Mar 16 m Susannah Eno- no record
1693 Abigail Oct 15 d young
1697 Edward m Deborah Bicell -no record
1699 Benoni June 24 (probably d young as not in will)
1703 John Sept 20 m 1 Ann Hosford)
2 Elizabeth Hosford) sisters.
1705 Abel Feb 19 m Jerusha
2 Mary Finnack
1707 Daniel Mar 25 m Sarah
1708 Ichabod Apr 3 m Martha Tilson
1710 Johnathan Dec 13 d 1730
1714 Abigail Dec.

The Children of Joseph Phelps to carry on the name were:

" 1692 Joseph Jr & Susannah Snow- no record
1697 Edward & Deborah Bissell- no record
1703 John & Ann & Mindwell Hoeford see page 102
1705 Abel & Jerusha _____ & Mary Pinnack- no record
1707 Daniel & Sarah _____ no record
1708 Ichabod & Martha Wilson- no record

* Note by Miss Lucille Hutson of Sandusky, O. 1946

Cecil County, Maryland. Signers of Oath of Allegiance
Mar 2, 1775 Joseph Phelps. (This might possibly
be the Joseph b 1692)

JOHN PHELPS
1703- -1769

Son of Sarah Hosford & Joseph Phelps, b Windsor, Conn.,
Sept 20, 1703. m 1 Anne Hosford Feb 11 or 14 1723, second
her sister Mindwell Hosford 1742. They were daughters
of Mindwell Phelps and Obadiah Hosford. Anne Hosford
was b Windsor Conn., Feb. 23 1705 & in Hebron Conn 1740.

CHILDREN OF ANNE HOSFORD & JOHN PHELPS

1728 Aaron Mar. 25 d 1743 apr 7)
 Ann " m John Jones) twins
1730 John Spet 27 m Deborah Dewey
1733 Sarah Oct 4 d Apr 7 1748
1736 Asos May 30 m Anna Filer
1738 Roger Dec 24 m Abigail Filer p 108

CHILDREN OF MINDWELL HOSFORD & JOHN PHELPS

1743 Aaron Mar 31 m Abigail Barber
1744 Mindwell she lived to be very old
1746 Sarah Mar 30 m John Little
1750 Nathan

The Children of Anne Hosford and John Phelps to carry
on the name were,

1730 John & Deborah Dewey- no record
1736 Asos & Anna Filer no record
1738 Roger & Abigail Filer up 108-109

The Children of Mindwell Hosford and John Phelps
to carry on the record were,

1743 Aaron & Abigail Barber- no record
1750 Nathan -no record

WILLIAM PHELPS
1668-

William Phelps son of Mary Griswold and Timothy Phelps,
m first Abigail Hodge 1699 Dec 7. She d Apr 24 1705.
He m second Ruth Barber 1706 Apr 24

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL HODGE AND WILLIAM PHELPS

1702 William Mar 16
1705 Ebenezer Apr 2

CHILDREN OF RUTH BARBER AND WILLIAM PHELPS

1709 Caleb Jan-11 m 1 Mary Moore 1730 Dec 24 she d 1747 as 89
2. Widow Mary Henderson 1749 June 23
Caleb was a Captain d July 5 1761 as 73

CHILDREN OF CAPT. CALPH PHELPS.

1738 Caleb
1734 Mary
1744 Elijah father of
1768 Mary
1770 Hezekiah
1772 Esther

1750 Ruth
1752 Lucy
1753 Ann
1755 Geo.
1758 Hezekiah Dr. who m Lydia Griswold of
Simsbury, Conn.,
Their children
1750 Lydia
Margaret
Daniel
Sabra
Nathaniel

The Children of William Phelps and Abigail Hodge to
carry on the names are
1702 William no record
1705 Ebenezer

The Children of William Phelps & Ruth Barber to carry
on the name are
1709 Caleb Phelps, see above.

CORNELIUS PHELPS
1671- -

Cornelius Phelps son of Mary Griswold and Timothy Phelps
b Apr 26 1671 m Sarah Mansfield Nov 2 1704

CHILDREN OF SARAH MANSFIELD & CORNELIUS PHELPS

1705 Sarah Dec 19

1707 Cornelius June 2 m Hannah Phelps Mar 24 1742

Their Children

1747 Hannah Mar 17

1751 Zacheus Aug 11

1752 Anna Oct 4

1710 John July 6

1714 Timothy Feb 3 m Margaret Gillett Apr 24 1746

Their Children

1748 Timothy m Ruth ____ who d Dec 2 1827
he d 1827

Their Children

1787 Dr Timothy who d 1826

his twin Ruth

1788 Eunice Nov 17

1790 Miriam Oct 14

1791 Solomon July 15

1792 Fluvia Mar 23

1793 Elizabeth

1782 Isaac (this part of record badly torn, but think
the name is Isaac)

The Children of Sarah Mansfield & Cornelius Phelps to
carry on the name were

1707 Cornelius Jr m Hannah Phelps see above

1710 John no record

1714 Timothy & Margaret Gillett see above

1782 Isaac- no record

SAMUEL PHELPS
1676- -

Samuel Phelps, son of Mary Griswold & Timothy Phelps
was b Jan 29 1675 and m Abigail Enno Apr 3 1707.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL ENNO & SAMUEL PHELPS.

1707 Abigail
1710 Samuel Apr 5
1713 James
1715 Matthew Jan 25
1719 Mary Feb 20
1720 James Jan 23 wife's name not known but his children
were
1746 Reuter
1749 Eleanor
1752 James
1754 Hezekiah
1758 Israel
1721 Tabitha
1729 Joshua

Nothing more is shown on the chart of 1860 about the
descendants of this family

NATHANIEL PHELPS
1677- -

Nathaniel Phelps, son of Mary Griswold and Timothy Phelps
was b Jan 7 1677 m Hannah Bissell Mar 25 1700. He
moved to Hebron Conn., where he was town clerk in the
first election. In early settlers of Allegny County, Wd.
Nathaniel Phelps is on the tax list 1798-1804. It seems
probably that it might be the Nathaniel born 1703, see
below, though that is not proved. Note furnished by
Miss Lucile Watson of Sandusky, Ohio, 1946.

CHILDREN OF HANNAH BISSSELL & NATHANIEL PHELPS

1702 Hannah Jan 22
1703 Nathaniel Sept 19
1709 Joshua
1716 Solomon July 29 m Temperance Barber 1738 p 106
1721 Abigail Apr 13
1724 Alexander Jan 26 the father of Rev. Eversport Phelps
1726 Nehitabell June 23

SOLOMON PHELPS

1716- -

Solomon Phelps, son of Hannah Bissell & Nathaniel Phelps
b July 29 1716 m Temperance Barber May 10 1738.

CHILDREN OF TEMPERANCE BARBER & SOLOMON PHELPS

1743 Solomon Oct 3 d Aug 3 1817 m 1765 Lucy Lord.

She d Sept 29 1828

1748 David Oct 3

Russell

1757 Delight Apr 17

1759 Hannah Mar 10

and others (names not on chart of 1860)

CHILDREN OF LUCY LORD & SOLOMON PHELPS

1766 Lucy d 1798

1767 Solomon

1770 Patience d 1813

1778 Fredrick m Bethia Stow 1798

1774 Dorothy

1776 Epaphras Lord d 1778

1779 Epaphras Lord d 1823 m 1 Esther Hill

2 Miss Long

1783 Wm June 12 d 1841 m 1 Elizabeth Jackson 1808

12 children

1788 Eunice

1792 Hannah

CHILDREN OF ESTHER HILL & EPAPHRAS LORD PHELPS

1799 Solomon m Frances Dunn 1829

1801 Lydia m Franklin Warren 1819

1804 Hiram Feb 9 m Maria Smith 1829

CHILDREN OF MISS LONG & EPAPHRAS LORD PHELPS

Lucy Lord Phelps lived in Martin City

Ind. 1860

CHILDREN OF FRANCES DUNN & SOLOMON PHELPS

1829 Wm E

1831 Fredrick S

1835 Alfred D d 1838

1839 Arthur

CHILDREN OF MARIA SMITH & HIRSH PHELPS

1831 Walter
1833 Charles F
1835 Esther M
1837 Mary
1840 Martin L
1842 Epiphrae
1849 Thomas

CAPT ROGER PHELPS
1732- - - - 1809

Roger Phelps was son of Anna Hoeford and John Phelps b in Hebron, Conn., Dec 24 1738 bp Jan 4 1739 m Apr 24 1760 Abigail Filer dau Anna Burnham & Samuel Filer b in Hebron Conn Apr 10 1733, where she d Jan 22 1825 ae 92. All their children born in Hebron.

Capt. Roger Phelps served in the Revolution, in the Lexington Alarm as Lieut 18 days- later enlisted as Capt. He d Feb 22 1809 ae 71. His son Roger also served in the Revolution for which service he received pension Tolland, County Conn 1832-1840 p 439 Waitman's Historical Register p 13 Conn. Men in the Revolution.

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL FILER & ROGER PHELPS

- 1761 Mary Feb 15
- 1762 Roger Oct 7 m Anna Jones (Rev. soldier)
- 1764 Abigail Aug 4 d Mar 3 1767
- 1766 Susannah Sept 8 m Abel Phelps son of Margaret Dewey
and Cornelius Phelps
- 1768 David Dec 26 m 1 Jerusha Hoeford
2 Sarah Hoeford
- 1771 Abigail Apr 16 d united in Colchester N.Y.
- 1774 Anna Aug 9 m Capt Elihu Hunt

GEORGE ABEL PHELPS
1804- 1886

George Abel Phelps was son of Susannah Phelps & Abel Phelps b in Hebron, Conn. Oct 10 1804 m Nov 17 1826 Sally Barber. She was b in Athens N.Y. June 1806 dau of Sally Coffin & Ralph Barber a Sea Captain sailing out of New London, Conn., and was lost at sea. Sally Coffin was dau of Mary Jenkins & Uriah Coffin. She is buried in the Coffin Cemetery lot at Athens N.Y..

George Abel Phelps settled in Hebron, Conn where his first two children were born. In 1834 they moved to Ohio accompanied by Geo's younger brother Julius C. Phelps settling in Brunswick, Medina County. Here Mr. Phelps d Sept 13 1886 .

CHILDREN OF SALLY BARBER & GEORGE ABEL PHELPS

1827 George Champlain Oct 25 s Emilie A Park July 7 1852
1831 Ralph Abel Nov 2 s Sarah Denning June 27 1859
the two above born in Hebron Conn.
the two below in Sismark, Ohio.
1844 Sally Elizabeth Nov 12 s George Hamilton
1848 Mary Jane Aug 12 s Mirem Davis Apr 2 1863 d Oct 28
1915 in Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE CHAMPLAIN PHELPS

1827 - - - 1899

Son of Sally Barber and George Abel Phelps b in Hebron
Conn., Oct 25 1827 d Mar 4 1899. He m Emilie Amanda Park
July 7 1852 dau Axa Reed and Wm. Park b in f. Bloomfield,
N.Y. Mar 1 1827 d July 20 1900.

CHILDREN OF EMILIE PARK & GEORGE CHAMPLAIN PHELPS

1854 Albina Amanda Sept 15 s Mr. Muir
1857 George Albert Nov 16 s Margaret Wiley
1861 Effie May May 9 s Chas. Southwell
1865 Mary Axa Sept 17 unmd
1869 Wm A July 11 d Aug 24 1907

The above were all born Scotch Ridge, Ohio. George Champlain
Phelps moved to a farm near Bowling Green Ohio 1853. He
became Judge of the Probate Court there

ABEL PHELPS
1784- 1835

Abel Phelps son of Jerusia Swartland & Sylvanus Phelps was b in Hebron, Conn Feb 20 1784. He m his third cousin Susannah Phelps Sept 7 1786. He and wife both died at Hebron, he Nov 8 1835. His wife was born at Hebron Sept 8 1766.

CHILDREN OF SUSANNAH PHELPS AND ABEL PHELPS

1787 Susan Jan 27
1789 George Jan 13
1792 Sally Feb 29 m _____ Hanley
1794 Abby June 1
1797 Harriet Jan 7
1799 Polly Mar 21
1804 George Abel Oct 10 m Sally Barber
1806 Jared Nov 13 d Feb 28 1884

After the death of Susannah Abel m second Elizabeth Nichols Mar 8 1821. She was b in Hebron Oct 17 1785. Their son Julius C Phelps m Roxanna Phelps

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE PHELPS.

These records came from one made by Mrs. Ivy Owen Kelsey of Camden N.Y. in 1928, owned by Miss Mary Phelps of 129 North Church St, Bowling Green, Ohio.

George Phelps, brother of William lived on the lot south of the Loomis property in Windsor, Conn. Marshall in his ancestry of Gen. Grant, says:

"Rev. Warham with 60 of his church went from Torchester, Mass., and formed the settlement in Windsor, Conn. William Phelps with his children and his brother George Phelps went with them."

George Phelps m first Philliney Randall a daughter of Phillip Randall and granddaughter of Goodman Randall, all passengers on the "Mary & John". She was married 1637 and died in Windsor, Conn., Apr 29 1648. His second wife, Frances Dewey, widow of Thomas Dewey m Nov 16 1648. She d 1690. George Phelps was her third husband.

George Phelps and his family moved to Westfield, Mass., 1670. He served on the jury in Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass. He made his will Apr 24, 1683 on file in Westfield Probate Records. He d May 8 1687.

CHILDREN OF PHILLINEY RANDALL & GEORGE PHELPS.

1638 Isaac Aug 26 m Anne Gaylord
1647 a child who died no name given
1641 Abraham Jan 22 m Mary Plimney
1643 a child who died no name given
1645 Abigail died no age given
1647 Joseph June 24 Captain m 1. Mary Porter
2. Hester Bosford.

CHILDREN OF WIDOW FRANCES DEWEY & GEORGE PHELPS.

1649 Feb 7 Jacob m Dorothy Ingersoll
1651 Feb 15 John m Sarah Buckland
1653 Dec 9 Nathaniel m Eunice _____

CAPTAIN JOSEPH PHELPS
1647 1695

Joseph Phelps a son of Philliney Fendell and George Phelps was b in Windsor, Conn June 24 1647. He m Mary Porter June 28 1673 in Westfield, Mass. She was a dau Mary Stanley & John Porter Jr. She was b in Windsor July 16 1653. She d in East Windsor, June 10 1682 at 30, after the birth of her fifth child.

For his second wife Joseph Phelps m Hester Hosford about 1688. She was a dau Phillary Thrall and John Hosford, b in Windsor, Conn., May 28, 1664. She inherited one hundred Pounds from her father's estate. John Hosford was a son of William Hosford. After the death of Joseph Phelps Hester m Samuel Kent of Suffield.

CHILDREN OF MARY PORTER & JOSEPH PHELPS

1674 Mary June 13 m Nathaniel Hosford
1676 Sarah Apr 4 m Samuel Pinney
1678 Joseph Dec 30 m Abigail Bissell
1680 Hannah m John Younglove 1732
1682 Mindwell m Obadiah Hosford

CHILDREN OF HESTER HOSFORD & JOSEPH PHELPS

1690 Daniel June 4 d in infancy
1691 Hester Feb 16
1693 Abigail m Samuel Marshall
1695 Benoni d Feb 10 1709

There is a curious intermarriage in the two families. Mindwell Phelps b 1682 m 1705 Obadiah Hosford and they had two daughters, Ann Hosford b 1705 and Mindwell Hosford b 1709. These two sisters m John Phelps a descendant of William Phelps, see page 102.

JAMES.

Thomas James m _____ McHenry daughter of Malcolm & Elizabeth McHenry. Aldrich History of Erie County, p 386 says Thomas James came to America in 1806, settled in Maine, moved to Conn., and in 1810 came to Oxford Township, Huron (now Erie) County, Ohio. It says he was five years old at that time. That would mean Thomas III

The McHenry family moved into Westmoreland County, Penn. Elizabeth McHenry had twelve children and after the death of her husband went to Va. and later to South Carolina.

Williams History of Huron and Erie Counties p 466 speaks of the coming of the James Family to Oxford township. Thomas James and his wife _____ McHenry had a son Thomas II b about 1763.

who m Jane Taylor in 1773.

From their tombstones, (that is what remains of them, originally in the Campbell Street Cemetery, but moved by the family to the Bloomingville Cemetery before 1940,) we glean the following statements.

Thomas James aged 60 (no date)

Henry James b Nov 9 1800 d Dec 7 1878

Boxy dau of H & A James d Sept 5 1832 as 7 yrs

Henry, son of H & A James d July 24 1853 as 5 mos

I take these lambs and lay em

on my breast

Protectin in me they

shall ever find

And be forever blest.

(the lines of the verse are irregular and not like the rest of the inscription.)

Angelina

Ida.

CHILDREN OF JANE TAYLOR & THOMAS JAMES II.

Ed. James m

James' m Ira Brockway before 1810

Henry b 1800 d 1878 m Abigail Taylor of Conn.
about 1830

Thomas III b Feb 14 1805 in Mehadach County of
Wexford Ireland. m Frances Hill.

David Hill was born England 1762, came to Westmoreland County, Pa., where his daughter Frances Hill was born 1806. David Hill served in the Continental Army in the Revolution and died in Mansfield 1817, Ohio.

CHILDREN OF FRANCIS HILL & THOMAS JAMES III

- 1835 David H. James Dec 26- His stone in Bloomingville Cemetery, Erie County, O. says "David H James Capt of Co G 145 O.V.I d Sept 6 1863 ae 34 yrs."
1837 Jane Ann b Oct 4
1839 Thomas H Oct 10 m Laura A Wendall Feb 10 1870
She was b Sept 30 1850 at Arrow Rock Mo.,
1843 Lucretia b July 10
1847 Priscilla Viola Nov 11 m Geo. F. Seatty, and
was still living at Bloomingville in 1934

CHILDREN OF ABIGAIL TAYLOR & HENRY HAMES

- 1839 Roxy d aged 7 yrs
Henry
Angell
Thomas, their oldest son killed in the civil war
as he carried his wounded Captain from the field,
He left a widow and children.
Their second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and
seventh children were girls one named Kate, lived
at Kent, Ohio.
1848 Nathan Howell James Apr 22 d Mar 29 1930 m Frances
Perkins Feb 22 1870

CHILDREN OF FRANCIS PERKINS & NATHAN HOWELL JAMES

- 1871 Abigail m Andrew Morrill d 1932
1873 Jesse m Sr Wilkinson d 1908
1875 Harry m Edith Flowers b
1885 Alma m John Lebourd
1892 Elve Louisa d 1912

Francis Perkins was a son of Richard Perkins who was b in Hassen Hauser near Nuremberg, Germany. Mrs. Grace Eugene H Bell of Downers Grove Ill. has a copy of the translation of a letter of congratulation upon his baptism, written by his Godfather in 1825. Richard Perkins m Elizabeth Wolers and they came to America. In Sandusky, O. they changed their name to Perkins.

COPY OF LETTER BY GRACE EUGENIE M. BELL

My Dear Mrs. Cherry:

Downers Grove,
Ill.

Apr 15, 1934

I was so joyously surprised with your letter and I am deeply grateful to you for the thought that prompted you to make a copy of the James record for me. I want to tell you what my Grandfather Nathan James told me about them if you care for it.

The mother of Nathan Howell James was a Conn., woman, though we were never able to get the records to present to the D.A.R. Grandfather James said he was youngest and always free from duties as his sisters did all the work, even milking.

I have a tynotype picture of Abigail Taylor James and a quilt she made before the Civil War. Also a piece of a counterpane she made before her marriage in 1830. She is said to have spun the yarn from wool from her father's sheep and gathered herbs and leaves and dyed the thread, then wove the counterpane. Also she is said to have smoked a clay pipe.

Grandfather James said his father Thomas James left Scotland as a young boy, went to Saxford County, Ireland and took up rich land. When he had gotten a good start he returned to Scotland and married the girl he had left behind, and together they returned to Ireland.

They became wealthy and when Harry James was a very small boy the family moved to America. They brought their money in a grain sack. The property in Ireland was not sold, but according to law it reverted to the State after a number of years.

In Ohio Thomas James took up a township of land. Henry James told Nathan he clearly remembered the grain sack about half full of money that stood against the foot of the bed. Thomas James built a grain distillery and sent to Ireland for the stones to grind the grain.

Before the stones arrived the Indians went on the war path, burned all the buildings, so the distillery was never rebuilt, and the stones never used for that. Before the family fled southward, they buried the bag of money. But when they returned they could not find the place, and though they dug repeatedly the treasure was never found.

When Libby Frison was such a shameful disgrace to the country, a friend and neighbor of the Perkins family was suffering there. He began to lose his eyesight and had his ears pierced, according to superstitious belief that that would mend the blindness, and sent home for ear-rings. His family sent him tiny gold rings, almost like wires. He wore them, but they were no cure, so he sent them to Frances Perkins of whom he was very fond. She must have been about 12 years old then.

Fifteen years ago she pierced my ears and I now wear the ear-rings. My mother removed them from Grandmother's ears after she passed away. My Father removed them from my mother's ears, for me. But I do not know the name of that man who died of starvation in Libby Prison.

Thus far I have been unable to get records of the Morrill's. My grandfather Thomas Morrill was b in Barre Vermont, and I have the names of his parents and the story of his departure for the west in 1849. He was believed to be a cousin of Senator Justin Morrill, but the Recorder of Barre County, Vermont writes me there is no record.

Ever since my son was very small (he's 8 years now) I've planned a book for him, the name to be "To My Little Lad." with the best obtainable information about all his ancestors. I think it would be a treasure. To me such things are a great romance. I should have liked nothing better than to have been able to know all my ancestors personally. Wouldn't that be lovely?

Again I wish to thank you for your letter.

Very Sincerely

Grace Eugenie H. Sell

THE JAMES FAMILY BIBLE - IN THE POSSESSION OF
JOHN BEATTY OF BLOOMINGVILLE, APRIL 21-1932.

David H. James b Dec 25 1835
Jane A. James b Oct 4 1837
Thomas M James b Oct 10 1839
Lucratia D. James b July 10 1843
Priscilla V. James b Nov 11 1847 m Geo. D. Beatty

CHILDREN OF PRISCILLA V JAMES & GEO. D. BEATTY

1870 Arthur David b May 24 lived in Australia where he
m.
1872 Thomas James Beatty b Apr 17
1874 Mabel Beatty b May 28 m a Br. in Conn.
1881 Elva Jane Beatty b Jan 24 1881 m Captain McFee both
buried in Sand Hill Cemetery
1884 John Burrell b Mar 18 m a dau of Nick Hoffman, his
son John Burrell Jr. killed in world war II
in airplane crash.
his dau Lucille m Br Hampe of Sandusky, O.
ANCESTORS OF THOMAS JAMES AS FAR AS KNOWN.

Grandparents on the maternal side were Sm Taylor and
Mary Lee.

Grandparents on the paternal side were Thomas James
and Jane Taylor d in the year 1833 60 yrs of age.

Thomas James grandparents on mother's side Malcolm McHenry
b Scotland, killed by accident 1800 in Westmoreland County
Pa.

Elizabeth Mc Henry died Westmoreland had 12 children
moved to Va. and to S. Carolina

David Hill b Eng 1762 served in Continental Army in
Revolution & 1817 in Mansfield, O.

Thomas James b Feb 4 1805 Mochedach, County of Wexford
Ireland, his wife Frances Hill m Nov 30 1834 b May 23
1806 at Westmoreland County, Pa.

George D. Beatty m Viola Priscilla James Feb 25 1869 b
May 28 1842 d Aug 30 1910. He was b July 10 1847 at
Bloomington, O.

Thomas M James m Laura A Gendell Feb 10 1870 b Oct 10
1849 at Bloomington, O. She was b Sept 20 1850
at Arrow Rock, Mo.

PAXTON

The material on this family was written in pen and ink in the back of a book owned by the Harrington family of Bloomingville. "The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification opened in sundry practical Directions to which is added a Sermon on Justification." The first edition of this book was printed in Edinburgh Scotland 1698, second 1733, third 1744, fourth 1792, which is the one owned by the Paxton family.

JOHN AND MARGARET PAXTON

m Apr 28 1795

1798 Mary Paxton Jan 21
1799 James Paxton May 24
1800 Margaret Paxton Dec 15
1802 Nancy Paxton July 21
1805 John Paxton May 15
1807 Hiram Paxton Mar 12
1809 Ann Paxton Dec 19

Mary is the "Polly Paxton" who saved the Bloomingville Blockhouse by warning of the Indian attack. See "Blockhouses and Military Posts of the Firelands," p 27.

At the end of the record are these words

"Note by Zeno Tibbals."

The writing is faded and difficult, and it might be Tibbals. We are not sure

JOHN RANSON

Captain Judan R. Ranson, and men who were probably his relatives John Ranson and Joseph Ranson, both Revolutionary soldiers, all died by drowning when the boat "Helen Marks," went down, Nov 3 1840- Aldrich History p 619

It seems impossible to learn much of John, Feeke's history says he was a very old man when he visited Sandusky in 1840, and the Firstland's Pioneers say he and Joseph were cousins. Joseph Ranson lived at Berlin Heights.

Letter from War Dept Washington D.C. Jan 18 1933 to Mrs. Geo. J. Boerzback of Sandusky, O.

"The records of this office show that one John Ranson served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Warren Cottle's Company of Vermont Militia. He served three days from Oct 24, 1780 in the Alarm at Redstock and four days Mar 9 to 13 1781 in another alarm. His rank is not shown."

JOSEPH RANSON

Feeke's History of Erie County p 531

"Delos C Ranson is the great-grandson of Joseph Ranson, who was b in Conn., and served in the Revolutionary War. He was wounded in the battle of Saratoga. Late in life he followed his children to Huron County, Ohio and lived with his son in Berlin Township (then called Eldridge)

Government record File No S 13,559

"Joseph Ranson in Continental line in 1780 for 3 mos, 3 mos at West point, 4 mos at Tappond then went to New Jersey with 1000 men to challenge the British in battle. He served also under Lieut Allen, Col Swift and Benedict Arnold. Enlisted in Conn line of Teamsters carried provisions, beef and spirits from Hartford to Danbury. Recd pension \$80. annually 1833."

Another record from State of Conn.

"U.S. debtor to the State of Conn. May 15 1781 For Bounties granted to the Towns in said State for expence of recruiting the Continental Army, Jos. Ranson of Lyre on list."

Stones for these two set in Cholera Cemetery in Sandusky, O.

JUDAN W. RANSOM

Judan W. Ransom was born about 1793 in Colchester, Conn. m in Lyme, Conn., 1813 Nancy Maria Colt. Firelands Pioneers New Series Vol 17 p 1614 says:

"Judan W Ransom was son of Amasa, son of James, son of Robert, son of Joshua, son of Robert."

CHILDREN OF NANCY MARIA COLT AND JUDAN W. RANSOM.

John Colt Ransom
Charles Ransom 1891 1890
Susan Ransom 1826 1817
Orlando Ransom m Miss Newton
Justin Ransom

The above are all buried in Oakland Cemetery Sandusky, O

Some of the following statements conflict.

Rachel Hollister wife of Oliver Ransom d in Norwalk, O 1893 She was b 1804 Oliver d there 1891 and was from Berlin Heights, O. Firelands Pioneers N.S.

Vol 7 p 155

Orlando and Ellen Ransom lived in Sandusky, their son John in Castalia. Firelands Pioneers N.S. Vol 22 p 268 John Colt Ransom brother of Chas. H. Ransom lived in Hartland, Firelands Pioneers N.S. Vol 15 p 1195, it also says he was a son of John W Ransom and Nancy Colt, this should be Judan W. Ransom

Charles H. Ransom son of Capt Judan Ransom Vol 14 p 973 lived in Margarotta

Charles H Ransom m Susan Slaughter of N.Y. and had 4 sons and 2 daughters, came to Black River then to Sandusky.

Other references to the family, Firelands Pioneers N.S.

Vol 10 p 143 Vol 17 p 1614

Stewart & Page Historical Atlas p 19

Orlando F. Ransom 1814 m Louisa B Newton lived in Margarotta had 3 children- His second wife's name not given, but it says they had 10 children. Orlando F was 2 or 3 years old when his father came to Margarotta, Orlando was the 4th of 6 children.

ERIE COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS.

Orchard Beach- Chas Ransom son of Edward & Maria d 1844

Berlin Heights

Old Cemetery- R.M. Ransom 1811 1822 (court house records
give this name as Rupert M. Ransom)
Caroline L Ransom 1815 1892

Peckes Cemetery- Child of G. & J Ransom 1853 1854
Rollin, son of R.M. & C.L. Ransom d 1853 as
13

There were other Ransoms in Sanducky in the early days,
Sbanazer Ransom, Robert Ransom and probably Joshua Ransom.

ROBERT RANSOM

A revolutionary soldier from Colchester Conn, government
headstone in Cholera Cemetery.

Colonial Records of Conn. Vol 14 p 290
Conn. Historical Society Publications Vol 12 p 87

- * These list Robert Ransom as a soldier of Colchester (some
of them hired by two men) part of them we suppose are
entitled to 5 shillings per month from the Towns, but
have not as yet received any. Served in the Continental
Army up to the first day of Jan 1780."

Robert Ransom who first settled in Colchester Conn.
wife's name not shown, their children were:

1709 John Nov 13
1711 Mary Aug 30
1713 James Mar 13
1715 Joshua May 3
1717 Robert Mar 25
1719 Alice Sept 6
1722 Keaton Feb 21
1725 Peleg Sept 20
1727 Amos Feb 17

John Ransom b 1709 m Bethia Lewis their son Robert b
Apr 8 1733. He was 47 years old when he served in the
Revolution 1780 from Colchester

RAYMOND.

Thaddaus Raymond, a Revolutionary soldier is buried in Huron County, 1 mile east of Hunt's Corners in a small private cemetery. Of the Raymond family we find this by Henry Watters in his Genealogical Gleanings in England Vol 2 p 954

"County Somerset, England, Will of Geo. Rayment of Glaston, father of John and William. There is a question if a Richard Rayment then living in that place was a brother of John and William."

The name was originally Rayment or Raiment. The father of George Rayment was George the elder, a grocer of Ipswich in England.

"In the whole history of the U.S. Army there have been but seven men who attained the full rank of General: (this was written before the World Wars) Washington, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Pershing, Bliss and March. Is it only a coincidence that two of these, Sherman and Bliss, descended from the same ancestry, Richard Raymond, master mariner? Is it also only a coincidence that this Raymond blood flowed also in the veins of two famous officers of the old navy, Commodores Oliver H and Mathew C. Perry?"

Richard Raymond never held public office. He never served as a legislator or soldier. He was just a God Fearing industrious thrifty New England immigrant, who served his adopted land by attending strictly to his own business.

Richard Raymond first appears in the records of Salem, Mass., 1634, when on May 14 he was made a freeman of the town, that is he was given the right to vote. He and his wife Judith were members of the First church of Salem before 1636; and here their children were baptized, except John, who was probably the eldest. 1636 the town granted Richard Raymond a half acre on Winter Island for fishing trade and to build upon.

1660 Richard Raymond sold an interest in the good ketch called the "Hopewell of Salem" of the burden of thirty tons. There were hints of voyages to Barbadoes. It is certain that he made coasting voyages. In 1660 the town of Norwalk, Conn., made him a grant of land, and here in 1662 he bought a dwelling house. In 1664 he moved to Saybrook, Conn., where he d 1692 aged about 90. Shelleck in his history of Norwalk refers to Capt. Richard Raymond as Norwalk's first navigator.

Of Richard Raymond's six sons, only John, Joshua and Daniel left male progeny. The Raymond genealogy has no record of Daniel's sons beyond their birth dates.

John Raymond took over his father's property at Norwalk, and there married, reared a family, and died. From him descend:

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and his brother John Sherman, Sec. of the Treasury under Hayes, and Sec of State under McKinley; John Howard Raymond LL.D. Pres of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Henry Jarvis Raymond, founder of New York Times, and Gen. Tasker Howard Bliss, chief of staff for a period during the great war. Through an ancestral marriage of second cousins all of these except the newspaper founder derived an added portion of Raymond blood.

Joshua Raymond son of Capt. Richard settled in New London, Conn., His son Joshua m Mercy Sands of Stock Island, hecrine of a legend of William Kidd the Pirate. From this marriage descended Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and Commodore Matthew C. Perry.

Hannah Raymond dau of Capt. George Raymond of N.Y. City m Johnathan Fitch Apr 2 1815 and came to Huron County, O. See incidents of the Journey Firelands Pioneers Old Series 1864, Vol 5 p 69

Catherine Hanford m Thaddeus Raymond about 1750. They lived near Stamford, Fairfield County, Conn.

HOWARD.

William Howard of London, Eng., m Patience Dyer of Providence R.I. a dau of Patience Williams & Samuel Dyer, a great granddaughter of Robert Williams. William Howard lost his life by the burning of his ship at sea, just before the Revolutionary war. His son Capt. William Howard b 1770 d 1859- It is also possible that Elson is another son of Capt. William Howard. Names of other children we could not find.

CAPT. WILLIAM HOWARD

b at Providence R.I. 1770 m Veribah Cstin who bore him 11 children. She d 1838 and he m second time Mrs. Phelps (Amanda Weaver of Sullivan, C.) she d 1872 as 89. Capt. William Howard followed the sea for a few years, then went to Delaware County, N.Y. He came to Milan, C. living in the Indian Village in 1810. He was a member of the Huron Rangers, and when the war of 1812 came he took his family with the other settlers to the Black River Block House (now Lorain). There he left the Rangers and continued with his family to Hudson, C. and still later moved them to Portage County, where his son William Sidney was born in 1814.

Before the war, while he was living in the Indian Village, three of his children died and were buried there, their names are not on record here. Captain Howard and his family returned to Milan township about 1815, and lived on the East line near the Berlin Township border. 1816 he moved to Perkins township where he lost all his property because of sickness in the family. 1817 he moved to Sherman township, Huron County, where he lived until 1821, when he moved to Hartland township, and there he d Dec 9 1859 as 90.

WILLIAM SIDNEY HOWARD

b in Portage County Ohio 1814 m Mahala Rowland Dec 25 1843 and d in Wakarusa Dec 20 1891

Firelands Pioneers N.S. Vol 26 p 2012 gives Wm Howard as one of the grand jurors who indicted Peggy Van Deusen for murder in the first court at Milan May term 1817.

CHILDREN OF MARRIA CUTIN & CAPT. WILLIAM HOWARD.
(they had 11 children)

- 3 buried in Ft. Avery burial place probably.
4. 1800 Simon, his estate made his son Stephen Ex.
5. 1808 Mary & Elijah Hills 1822 she was widow 1879 age 77
6. 1804 Alva who died young, twin of Alson.
7. Alson & in Hartland but was living 1879.
8. 1805 Fanny & James White and & in Norwalk C.
9. 1808 Samuel & Elizabeth _____ she Ex of his estate 1862
10. Arthur was elected constable in Hartland township
1826, Firelands Pioneers O.S. 1863 p 38
" " " " N.S. Vol 15 p 1139
He & in Indiana sometime near 1879.
11. 1814 William Sidney & in Portage County & in
Wakarusa Sec 20, 1891 - Member of the Firelands
Historical Society 1898
He also have the name of a Horace Howard who lived in
Norwalk, C.

References to Capt. William Howard.

- Firelands Pioneers Old Series 1863 p 50-51
"Mary Howard
" to Elijah Hills at her father's house in Hartland and the
first school there in 1851 taught by Cyrus Tenger had
En. S. Howard as a pupil.
p 52
Arthur Howard
elected constable of Hartland 1826, James White overseer
of the poor
Firelands Pioneers Old Series 1870 p 52
first householders
of Hartland, lists En Howard and mentions Arthur as constable
1826
ibid 1884 p 23 mentions of Sherman Township
tells of Frank
and Howard as great hunters 1817
p 69 Reminiscences by Johnathan Fitch speaking
of the year 1817 in Sherman, "I came into the 3rd section
where but 7 families lived, Captain Howard one of them."
All this is repeated in Firelands Pioneers New Series Vol
15 p 1182 pub 1908
Blockhouses and Military Posts of the Firelands p 95
Aldrich History of Erie County p 506

Williams History of Huron & Erie Counties p 197-278
Clarkefield election 1822 Capt William Howard elected
overseer of the poor and James White Fence viewer.
(Clarkefield and Hartland were one until 1824)

Firelands Pioneers N.S. Vol 16 p 1902 p 834

"Mrs Sally Ann Howard was a dau of Es Bernea and Helen
Biswell and was b in Clarkefield Sept 11 1841. She was
m to John Howard Feb 12 1879 and d in Clarkefield Dec 26
1901."

Records in Huron County Court House at Norwalk, Ohio.

Settlement of Estates where no will was left.

Simeon Howard- Stephen Howard Adair- children listed
William Howard Abby Crowell Ann Noecker
Stephen Howard Mary Case

Samuel Howard 1862 wife Elizabeth as Ex- children listed
William E Howard Sarah E Truxhall Anna E. Howard
John E Howard Doris Truxhall

2 grandsons which looks like Clarkson & record
blurred and hard to read

Voters lists of Norwalk Ohio in 1823 no Howards listed
1827 Horace Howard listed as of Norwalk, O.

Records in Erie County Court House at Sandusky, O.

Land records 1838 to 1848
Vol 2 p 29-30-136

Gideon Thomas sold to John Howard of
Oxford Township 127 A in second section of Oxford

1858 John Howard and wife Susanna sold to Ira Root the north
part of this tract and the south 103 A to a man named
Milliton, record says John Howard from Huron County, O.

First Sandusky Directory from 1856 to 59 p 60
C. Howard living at 80 Camp St laborer
H. Howard Machinist) these two living 34 Shelby St
Daniel Howard laborer)

John E. Howard son of Samuel b about 1800 m Susanna _____ their son
James Howard b about 1830 m 1853 Eliza Ann Voss, and d
in Arkansas 1862 Civil War Soldier- He had sisters Mary & Ann

SIMEON HOWARD

Of Belmont County O. and Boughtonville.

Firelands Pioneers New Series Vol 17 p 1599 1939

"William Howard son of Simeon & Mary Howard was born in Belmont County O. Mar 12 1825 and d in Boughtonville, O. May 20 1909. He came to the Firelands about 1830. He was married to Eliza Case Feb 12 1846- children listed.
Filiba H. Howard Melvin Howard Adaline Noble
Marvin Howard Sherman Howard Anna Reeves

Firelands Pioneers O.S. 1953 p 51 Memoirs of Ripley Township by Brown

"Previous to the year 1827 the following persons settled within the township, (Simeon Howard one of them) then follows this sentence "These were all the families in the township at that time. Simeon Howard was the first Justice elected Aug 4 1827, he however did not serve in that office." (there is no explanation as to why he did not serve. Perhaps he moved.

Williams History of Huron & Erie Counties p 320

"Simeon Howard and his wife, Mary Sineburner, came from Pease, Belmont County Ohio in 1825 and settled on the northern line of Ripley Township- children listed.
Stephen Howard m Eliza dau Isaac Stotts living in Ripley 1879
William Howard m Eliza Case d in Boughtonville 1909
Abby Wra C Crossell- Mary Mrs. I. Case- Anna Mrs Hoecker

Philip Sineburner, brother of Mary wife of Simeon, came about the same time but did not take up land

Firelands Pioneers N.S. Vol 20 p 2164

"Capt Alfred Hoecker, a gallant veteran of the Civil War in which he commanded a battery and a former sheriff of Huron County, d Dec 16, 1917, at the home of James Gifford, Greenwich. His wife had passed on several years before and his nearest relative was a brother in Michigan. Capt. Hoecker was a very useful citizen.

Firelands Pioneers Vol 24 p 797 N.E.

"Benjamin Wesley Howard d as 26 a native of Ripley Township Apr 28 1927 at the home of his son Fred Howard of Norwalk, O. He was born April 12 1841. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Malissa Hull Howard and the following children, Charles Howard, Fred Howard, Anna Jackson of Norwalk, O., Simeon Howard of Michigan, and William Howard of Michigan."

Benjamin Wesley Howard is buried in Edwards Grove Cemetery in Ripley Township.

OTHER HOWARDS.

1825 William Howard living in New Haven, O Firelands Pioneers O.E. 1855 p 26

1868 Lewis M Howard elected trustee of Norwalk town
Firelands Pioneers O.E. 1868 p 80

1870 Tiffin, O. Rev. D.C. Howard pastor of church in Tiffin O. delivered an address to the Firelands Historical Society in New London, O Sept 2 1869.

At this same meeting a Mr. W.H. Howard exhibited a gridiron on which the first loaf of bread was baked in Huntington township in 1818. (He does not give the county, no such township in Huron or Erie) He also exhibited linen handkerchiefs and towels, one made by Sarah Kelsey, grandmother of Mrs. Howard in 1769 and 1797, and one by Mrs. Howard in 1836 when she was 12 years old.

BEVIER

Louis Bevier & 1673 Marie Le Blanc 8 children

CHILDREN OF MARIE LE BLANC & LOUIS BEVIER

- 1674 Marie July 19 & infancy
- 1676 Jean Jan 29 settled at Sawarsing & 1745 m Apr 14 1712
to Catherine Montayne
- 1678 Abraham b Jan 30 settled at Sawarsing & 1774 m Feb 13
1707 Rachel Vernoooy
- 1680 Samuel Jan 30 settled at New Platz & 1746 m
Magdalena Planchan dau of Mattheus
- 1682 Andries July 12 unmarried settled at New Platz 1763
- 1684 Louis Nov 6 settled at Warbleton & Feb 10 1753 m
Elizabeth Hensbrouck dau of Jean May 6 1713 who was b
Feb 23 1655 & June 10 1760
- 1686 Esther Nov 16 m Nov 7 1714 Jacob Hensbrouck son of Jean
- 1689 Solomon July 12 & young.

The Beviers of Cayuga County, N.Y. and of this section of Ohio are descendants from Abraham the second son of Louis and Marie.

CHILDREN OF RACHEL VERNOOY & ABRAHAM BEVIER m 1707

- 1706 Louis & unmarried 1750
- 1710 Anna & in infancy
- 1712 Cornelius b Jan 30 unmarried & 1770
- 1715 Samuel Aug 28 m Sarah LeFevre dau of Andries June
10 1739 settled at Sawarsing & 1774
- 1716 Jacob Sept 29 m Feb 23 1691 settled at Sawarsing
& 1800 m Anna Vernoooy
- 1720 Abraham Jan 10 & aged 19 (see will)
- 1723 Maria Jan 31 m June 30 1745 Benjamin DuBois son of
Daniel settled near New Platz.
- 1724 Johannes Apr 26 m first Aug 9 1747 Rachel LeFever
dau of Andries b June 33 1723
m second Elizabeth Van Vliet nee
Gonzales Sept 18 1764
- 1727 Benjamin May 7 m Dec 13 1760 & 1803 Elizabeth Van
Keuren b July 29 1726 dau of Tjerck Matthysen and
Maria Ten Eyck
- _____ Daniel J unmarried 1766

CHILDREN OF SARAH LEFEVER & SAMUEL BEVIER

- 1742 Andries Apr 14 m June 21 1764 (settled at Fawarsing
d 1800) Jacomyntie DuBois b Apr 21 1745 dau of
Cornelius.
1746 Abraham Nov 19 m Marie DuBois b Apr 20 1746 dau of
Johnathan, settled at Chawangunk.
1750 Maria Oct 17 m Apr 33 1772 Cornelius S. Vernoooy, Rochester
1750 Rachel Oct 17 m Apr 19 1776 Johannes De Witt, "
Maria and Rachel twins
1744 Mathew m Dec 2 1769 Jacomyntie Bevier b Sept 28 1744
Jaa Abraham S
1753 Elizabeth Feb 16 m Arthur Morris of Rochester, N.Y.
1755 Cornelia Jan 21 m 1 Dec 9 1774 Mathew Kerkirk, Hurley
2 Peter Bevier, Chenango.

CHILDREN OF JACOMYNTIE DUBOIS & ANDRIES BEVIER
m June 21 1764

- 1765 Sarah d unmarried
1767 Samuel who had 7 children
1769 Cornelius who had 8 children
1771 Wilhelminus (Father of Rev. J.H. Bevier) 7 children
1773 Josiah (father of Dr. Boaliff Bevier, Plymouth, O.
10 children
1775 Louis 6 children
1777 Margaret who d unmarried
1779 Rachel (mother of Judge Jacob Brinkerhoof) 5 children

CHILDREN OF _____ & SAMUEL BEVIER

m about 1790

- 1794 Jacomyntie b at Depuech Apr 24 d in Cossaco N.Y.
July 4 1830
1796 Mary m Phillip Bevier d on the farm of Thomas Willett
at Plymouth Ohio, no children
1798 Andries who had 12 children d in Plymouth O 1846
1800 Sarah d unmarried in Plymouth, O.
1802 Abraham DuBois who had 4 children
1804 Margaret d unmarried in Plymouth, O.
1806 Rachel who m Chas. Conklin lived and d in Plymouth, O.
5 children

CHILDREN OF RACHEL BEVIER & CHARLES CONKLIN
 # about 1838

Sarah Lovina m _____ Taylor- 2 boys 1 girl
 1844 Allen m Nathan Peers 1861 -1 boy 2 girls
 _____ Frances m _____ Hatch
 _____ John m _____ 1 boy
 _____ Maria m _____ Hyant 2 boys

Firelands Pioneers N.S. 1915 p 1773
 Williams History of Huron & Erie Counties p 308

Both state that John Conklin was in New Haven, C.
 1815. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church
 at Plymouth, Ohio, 1812, an officer in the church
 1874-78

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Conklin were also members of
 this church.

From "Fare to Midlands," by Henry C Beck p 191
 " John
 Conklin was in Gravesend, L.I. "

p 192 Daniel Conklin house in Bernegat N.J.

p 194 Parson Woodmanse showed Mr. Beck his father's
 arithmetic and an old Psalm Book inscribed by
 John Conklin in 1772, Stephen Conklin in 1787 and
 then by Mrs. Deziel James, and Clarence Woodmanse.

Aldrich History of Erie County p 347

"Allen Waldron was
 a son of Betsy Conklin and Tobias Waldron who was b
 in Utica, Oneida County, N.Y. 1826 and m in Indiana
 1847. He d in 1882 leaving one son, Allen Waldron.
 Betsy Conklin was a dau of Sarah Austin & John Conklin.
 John Conklin was a native of Cayuga County, N.Y. He
 had a family of ten children by a previous marriage,
 and one by the second. Five of his children were
 living in 1869, Charles Conklin, Fattie Conklin,
 Rachel Conklin, Hannah Conklin and Betsy Conklin
 Waldron."

Allen Waldron Jr m 1872 Ella Hobbs who was b 1851
 their children were-

Charles E. Waldron	Floyd L. Waldron
Henry B. Waldron	Howard R. Waldron

EDSALL

"Fore to Midlands," by Henry C. Beck p 206

"Janzen Berrien, a Huguenot and native of Berrien in the Department of Finesterre in 1669, later in Newton L.I. 1685. Jansen Berrien m Jannetje Stryker, dau of Jan Stryker the pioneer of Flatbush. After the death of her husband, Jansen Berrien, Janetje became the bride of the widower, Samuel Edsall."

Samuel's first wife and probably the mother of all his children was Ruth Woodhall.

The line runs as follows:

Samuel Edsall b 1650 d between 1701 & 1706- m Ruth Woodhall.
and their son Richard Edsall m Hildegard De Kay their son
Jacobus Edsall in 2nd N.J. Reg m Charlott Barton
and their son
Benjamin Edsall m Mary Symson and their son
David Edsall m Sarah Catherine Perry, and their dau
Sarah Catherine Edsall m Geo. W. Ryerson.

Geo. W. Ryerson and Catherine Edsall lived in Huron County Ohio.

All of the Ryerson line is covered in "History of the Knickerbocker family of Ryerson-Ryerson-Ryerson- descendants of Martin and Adrien Ryers of Amsterdam Holland, by Alfred L. Holman, printed privately for Edward L. Ryerson in 1916 at 1431 Astor St. Chicago, Ill.

Corepta and Nicholas Ryerson came to Peru township, Ohio, 1848, from Vernon, Sussex County, N.J. They had 11 children the eldest of which was

1835 Elizabeth Ryerson Dec 1 d June 8 1921 Norwalk, O.

she m 1861 Christopher G. Galley

1845 Emeline Sept 6 d Oct 6 1919 m Frank J Brown 1869

lived near Milan, O & children Frank J. Jr of Norwalk

Nelson G of Toledo, O. Mrs. G. B. Sowers and Mrs

Elizabeth Breckenridge

1852 Walter s b May 13 d Norwalk May 19 1918 m Lou Ella

Sancock one dau Pearl

Ryerson became Mrs Frank Dixon of Norwalk Mich.

Mary Ryerson m John S. Latimer

John Ryerson, lived in Norwalk, O.

William Ryerson

CARPENTER

Daniel Carpenter, from Conn. soldier of the Revolution in the battle of Lexington, 3 years service in Capt. Macy's Co. He came to Fairfield township, Huron County, at an early date, either with his son Asa, or followed him after Asa became established.

Asa Carpenter b in Conn. His son

Leonard E. Carpenter b Dec 31 1829 in Ohio. his son

Alvin J. Carpenter b Dec 27 1854 m Ollie Hodges.

This is all the information we have on this family.

LYON

Moses Lyon b at Lyons Paris Dec 31 1763 d May 2 1823
his wife b at Elizabethtown N.J. Apr 24 1769
d Sept 7 1822, their son Robert Lyon was the
only one to settle in Ohio. He was b
in N.J. Sept 27 1796. Two of his sisters
married and moved to Michigan, the rest of
the family settled in N.Y. State

Robert Lyon came to Connecticut, O. before 1832. see

Biographical History of Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties
The Lewis Publishing Co of Chicago 1893 p 481

ENSIGN.

The Ensign family is of French origin. Name first appeared in England 1395 in the eighteenth year of the reign of Richard I at Chilham, near Canterbury, there was the Ensign Manor of Wm de Ensigne. The family coat of arms was in Chilham Church and was recognized as valid under Henry VIII.

Thomas and James Ensign appeared in New England in 1634-35. James went with the Baker colony to Cambridge, Mass., and removed to Hartford, Conn., with it. He d about 1670. His wife Sarah d 1676. Their son Thomas was the father of twin sons, John and Jacob b at Hartford. Jacob settled at Pittsfield, Mass. In a map of Pittsfield dated 1794 Silver Lake is called "Ensign's Pond."

Jacob's oldest son William Ensign a native of Mass, for some time resided at Dalton, Berkshire County, Mass., owning a large amount of land. He sold everything and came to Ohio 1815 and lived in Lake County.

Erie County was settled by people from Connecticut and Achnabula, and our histories say that Linas Ensign built the first house near Bloomingville.

Firelands Pioneers O.S. Vol 3 1882 p 40

"Linas Ensign settled on the South bank of Pipe Creek about 1 mile S.W. of Bloomingville on the farm afterwards occupied by John Paxton." article written by F.D. Drake

Williams History p 493

"Louisa Ensign a son Putnam 1816, ceremony performed by Dr Hickey Esq."

Aldrich History p 495

"Lewis (think this the printers error for Linas) Ensign, a citizen of Groton, did the work on this mill at Cold Creek in 1810."

p 502

"Linas Ensign settled a mile southeast Bloomingville, on the farm occupied by John Paxton."

From the Cemetery Records of Erie County,
Berlin Heights, old cemetery

Sylvia Ensign, wife of Beria Ensign d 1956
age either 47 or 57 stone much worn

Hannah Ensign dau of Beela Ensign, the wife of Levi
Burton d 1866 ae 49
6 broken stones on this lot- not possible to tell whose
they are.

Cable Cemetery in Florence

Beth Ensign 1863 ae 44

WOLVERTON

The oldest Wolvertons in the county were Bailey b about 1777 and his wife Elizabeth Perry b 1777, Cordelia J wife of H. Wolverton b 1778 and Elizabeth wife of John Wolverton b 1787. There are no tombstones for Elizabeth and Bailey who d at Euron, O. 1825 nor for John and H Wolverton.

Cordelia J. wife of H. Wolverton buried in Milan Cemetery she d there 1855 aa 95

Elizabeth wife of John Wolverton is buried in Sand Hill, but no tombstone there for John. Perhaps John died before the family came to Sand Hill. Other burials there are

1801 Johnathan 1857) nothing to show they were husband
1803 Ann 1873) and wife, but they could have been.
(1852 Sarah H d 1864
182 J who d s had children (1855 Martha d 1855
(1860 Willie d 1862

182 H.S. who m Elizabeth b 1809 d 1882
their son Jasper N b 1832 d 1856

1838 Isaac he was drowned 1855- his wife Helen, with their daughter Flora b at Cooke Corners (south of Sand Hill) 1855 moved to Bellavue- Flora attended Seminary at Greenville O. m Mr. Broadhurst Oct 2 1878-they lived in Chicago, Ill- Chippewa Falls, Wis. came to Norwalk, O. 1897 where her husband was pastor of First Presbyterian Church. she d there 1896

1843 William B Wolverton b Aug 6 (brother of Isaac)
he d at Norwalk, O. Oct 21 1894 aa 51 m Josephine
Devey served 3 yrs 9 mos in Co A 74 Reg CVI-
was a prisoner in Andersonville- attorney and Post
master at Norwalk, O.

ROBERT HOLVERTON

He came to Huron, O. about 1817 and carried the mail on horseback from Cleveland to Fremont- later drove a coach taking both mail and passengers. Histories say he came from N.Y. but as in the old writing N.J. and N.Y. look much alike, and we know Wolvertons came from N.J. at that time, we are not sure. He first lived on Lot 4 Range 4 but later moved to Lot 3 Range 6. He left at an early day going to Canada where his wife outlived him by some years. See Firelands Pioneers Old Series Vol 3 p 24 Memoirs of Berlin Township by Dr. X. Phillips.

Robert and his wife had 3 children

1797 Kate who d in Berlin Township

1799 Charles who stayed in Huron, it is thought that the Charles buried in Scott Cemetery is son of Robert.

Any living in Paris, Canada

John) Dr. Phillips writing in 1862 said
 Eliza) he did not know where they were then
 Anne) living.

Eliza lived in Canada.

Dr. Phillips continues-

"Mr. Wolverton was an active man, and was an early mail contractor in these parts, and at one time did considerable business with his sons in carrying the mail, with passengers, from Cleveland westward through here. He opened the first tavern here, and was the first blacksmith within the original line of Berlin."

Scott Cemetery is midway between Huron, Berlin and Milan and used by families in all of them. In the first lot near the fence, old slab stones:

Charles Wolverton d 1861 ae 62 (b 1799)

Cordelia wife of Charles d 1855 ae 56 (b 1799)

Cordelia dec of C & C d 1852 ae 19 (b 1839)

BAILEY SOLVERTON

Aldrich History of Erie County p 652

"Charles Solverson of Huron was b in N.J. 1811 and came to Huron with his parents 1834. His father Bailey Solverson was b in N.J. and his mother Elizabeth Perry was b on the ocean of German parents. Both died the year following their arrival at Huron leaving a family of 7 children, two of whom a son and daughter died the same year.

Charles m 1835 Betsey D. Atkins of Perkins who d 1841 leaving a family of 5 Lavina-Job-Ezekiel-Betsy & Elizabeth. Ezekiel enlisted 18 Ohio Cavalry and served to the end of the Civil war. Mr. Solverson m second Catherine Hamilton Mar 4 1846. She was b Chenango Forks, Broome County N.Y. 1808. They have two children Eliza and Winthrop. Mrs. Solverson's parents were Sam & Hannah Hamilton who came to Huron 1822. They died in Sandusky County, Ohio."

Firelands Pioneers New Series Vol 17 p 1605

"Owen McGuire was b in the north of Ireland. He was pressed into the British service at the age of 17. He deserted and got away to this country, finally bringing up at Huron in the early 30's. The Solversons emigrated from New Jersey 1821 or 1822 and settled near the mouth of the Huron River. It was very sickly there and at times there were not enough well ones to care for the sick. Mr. and Mrs. Solverson and their eldest son died of malarial fever within a year of their arrival. Owen McGuire and Catherine Solverson were married 1827. He died in 1842."

Charles Solverson b in England 1680 came to America 1692 with brothers Gabriel and John. Charles d in N.J. 1746- It is thought that Bailey Solverson is his descendant as Bailey was b in N.J. about 1777 m there about 1797.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH PERRY & BAILEY WOLVERTON
m about 1797

1. son died soon after his parents 1825
2. daughter one record says she died too, another does not say so.
3. 1802 Johnathan & 1880 m Katherine C
4. 1804 Catherine m Owen McGuire 1827
- 5.
6. 1811 Charles b in N.J. m 1835 Patsy D Aikens of Perkins
m 1846 Katherine Hamilton
7. 1815 Gershom & 1862 m Phebe _____

From Erie County Cemetery records.

Scott Cemetery

Gershom Wolvertton 1815 1862

Phebe Wolvertton 1819 1896

Firrolands Pioneers Vol 10 p 162 N.S. Phebe Wolvertton
d in West Huron 1896 she was aged 77 years and lived
nearly 60 years in the county. Her husband Gershom
Wolvertton d many years ago.

Scott Cemetery

Johnathan Wolvertton 1802 1880

Katherine C wife of Johnathan 1802 1882

Edwin 1851 1857

Joel S 1842 1872

CHILDREN OF BETSY D AIKENS & CHARLES WOLVERTON
m 1835

Lavina

Job

Ezekiel, civil war soldier

Elizabeth

Betsy

Betsy D. Aikens d 1861 and Charles m Catherine Hamilton
1846

CHILDREN OF CATHERINE HAMILTON & CHARLES WOLVERTON

Eliza

Winthrop Wright d Aug 13 1918 age 67

In the Milan Cemetery there are two different families of Wolvertons, and perhaps 3. Whether related or not I do not yet know.

Winthrop Wright Wolverton son of Katherine Hamilton and Charles Wolverton of M.J. d Aug 13 1915 ae 67
His wife Ida B. daughter of John Riley from Germany d 1922 ae 64.

The other family is that of William Wolverton who died in Lorain, Ohio in the 1930's. He came to Milan from Kansas and married Alice Richards who d Oct 20 1913 ae 44
their two children

Arthur Lewis Wolverton son of Alice & Wm d Aug 16 1912 ae 8
Hazel dau of Alice and Wm d 1894 ae 3 mos.

Alice Richards and William Wolverton had two other children
Harry Wolverton of Sandusky who m a girl from Michigan and had 5 children- Dorothy Mary- Vaughn-Richard- Patricia Ann and Nancy.

Ruth Wolverton who m a Strong and lives at Avery, O.

As to the possible third family, it is that of
Cordelia J. wife of H. Wolverton d Nov 8 1865 ae 92 (b 1772)
no stone for H. Wolverton her husband.

The fact that William and Alice named their son Harry Wolverton, makes one wonder if these might be grandparents of William, and that it was relationship that brought him from Kansas to Milan

SAMUEL VOLVERTON

No stone in Erie County to this Samuel Wolvorton, however many stones were destroyed and carried away, and many burials without stones, and no particular records kept in many places so that does not prove anything. No mention of him in County Histories.

In N. Milan Hill Cemetery there is a stone to

Margaret wife of Samuel Wolvorton d 1849 ao 24 (b1805)

In the Perkins Cemetery

Mary, wife of Samuel Wolvorton d 1857 ao 33 (b 1831)

Note from N.Y. Register Vol 49 p 439

Jerome Wolvorton was
a resident of Holborne County, Middlesex 1622 England.

BUCHANAN.

THOMAS BUCHANAN was born Aug 4 1772 in Newton, Sussex Co.
N.Y. N.Y.

JANE JOHNSON was born May 2nd 1782 in Newton, Sussex County
N.Y. N.Y.

They were married April 21 1802

CHILDREN OF JANE JOHNSON & THOMAS BUCHANAN

1803 John W. Apr 14 in Bath, Steuben Co N.Y.

1804 Alpheus Oct 18 "

1806 Mathew Sept 11 "

1808 Morgan Sept 27 in Richmond, Livingston Co. N.Y.

1810 Lucinda Oct 7 "

1813 Harvey Feb 11 "

1815 Geo. W. Jan 6 Bath, Steuben Co. N.Y.

1817 Hannah Apr 24 in Prattsburg, Steuben Co N.Y.

1819 Minerva J. Oct 3 "

1821 Philander G Sept 28 "

1824 Orlin Jan 11 in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio.

THOMAS BUCHANAN d April 20 1859 aged 86 yrs 8 mos 16 da

JANE BUCHANAN d Sept 3 1867 aged 85 yrs and 4 mos

JOHN W. BUCHANAN m Lucy Rice Nov 18 1830 in Beadtown, Seneca
County, O. He d May 20 1835 aged 33 yrs 1 m 6 d

ALPHEUS BUCHANAN m Mary Ann Barley Aug 21 1851 in Bath,
Steuben County, N.Y. He d Aug 21 1873 aged 68 y 10 m

MATHEW BUCHANAN m Rachel Scott Jan 20 1830 in Danesville,
N.Y. He d June 25 1887 aged 80 y 9 m 14 d

MORGAN BUCHANAN m Lucretia Selden Aug 26 1837 in Peru,
Huron County, O. He d June 14 1886 aged 77 y 8 m 18 d

LUCINDA BUCHANAN m Ira Herriman Aug 27 1837 in Norwalk, O.
She d Jan 30 1880 aged 69 y 3 m 23 d

HARVEY BUCHANAN m PHILINDA CHAMBERLAIN April 1837 in
Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio. We do not have his death date

BUCHANAN

GEORGE W. BUCHANAN m Ann E Cawdrick Dec 25 1890 in
Camarens, Henry County, Ohio. He d Sept 23 1891
aged 76 y 8 m 17 d.

HANNAH BUCHANAN d Feb 3 1898 aged 80 y 9 m 10d

MINERVA J BUCHANAN d Feb 18 1848 aged 22y 4 m 10 d

PHILANDER G. BUCHANAN m Mary Deves Dec 1851 in
Hillsdale, Mich. He d April 11 1904 aged 82 y 7 m

ORLIN BUCHANAN m Leib Kinrey Jan 16 1869 in Liberty
Center, Henry County, O. He d Oct 6 1890 aged 66y
8m 26d

MINERVA MERRIMAN b Feb 5 1842 in Fairfield County, O.
daughter of Ira Merriman and Lucinda Buchanan m
H.L. Ennes Oct 13 1871 in Liberty Center, Ohio.

The above records were collected a long time ago by
a sister of Minerva Merriman, from relatives.
The record was given to Mrs. Lockwood Hastings of
Sandusky, O. by Mrs. H.L. Ennes. Mrs. Hastings
gave them to Miss Lucile Hutson of Sandusky, O.
and she contributed them to the records of
Martha Pitkin Chapter.

LYON

Moses Lyon b at Lyons Farms Dec 21 1763 d May 2 1823.
His wife (name not given) b at Elizabethtown N.J. Apr
24 1769 d Sept 7 1822. Their son Robert Lyon was the
only one to settle in Ohio. He was b in N.J. Sept 27
1796. Two of his sisters married and moved to Michigan
the other children settled in N.Y. State. Robert Lyon
came to Conneaut, O. before 1832, see Biographical History
of Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties," by
The Lewis Publishing Co of Chicago, 1893

MARTIN - TULLER

WILLIAM TULLER b June 10 1687 at Hartford Conn. d Sept 22 1740 at Simsbury Conn. m Apr 12 1711 Damaris Cornish, whose mother was Elizabeth Wolcott, whose father was George Wolcott brother of Simon Wolcott, whose wife was Martha Pitkin.

JOHN L TULLER (son of William) b Mar 23 1715 at Simsbury Conn. d May 1 1797 S. Egremont, Mass.

JOHN TULLER (son of John L.) b Apr 16 1744 at Egremont, Mass. d Oct 16 1815 Genesee County N.Y. buried in Tuller private Cemetery at Egremont, Mass.

CARLTON ARTEMADORAS TULLER (son of John) b Jan 25 1783 at Egremont, Mass. d Feb 4 1859 Jonesville, Mich. m Jan 17 1805 at Marcellus N.Y. Rachel L. Champlin b Sept 1791 in Marcellus N.Y. d Mar 20 1862 Jonesville, Mich.

SALLIE L. TULLER (dau of Carlton Artemadoras) b Mar 16 1809 d July 27 1866 m (probably at Sandusky, O) April 27 1826 to Richard Martin b Mar 31 1799 d Dec 17 1880 Their son C. Nelson Martin b May 26 1827 d 1909. His dau Sallie L. Martin b Mar 10 1866.

This material furnished by Miss Letitia Adams of Sandusky Ohio. It is well to remember that in our histories many times the name Tuller is printed Fuller. No doubt the printers mistook the letter T for an F. Artemadoras Tuller is mentioned in the Firelands Pioneers and in some of the other histories of Erie County, Ohio.

Firelands Pioneers Old Series Vol 8 p 112 This relates the drowning of a little 5 year old daughter of Artemadoras Tuller.

Firelands Pioneers New Series 1920 p 2441 gives the name as Lucia Jane Fuller, but in the Index it is spelled Tuller.

HARRINGTON.

There were two Harrington families that came into the Firelands at an early date. Both originated in R.I. went to Danby, Vt., into N.Y. State, down into Pa, across to Conneaut, Ohio, and from there into Erie and Sandusky Counties. Probably they were related. We worked with others on the records and a complete record of Israel Harrington and his family has been placed in the Hayes Memorial Library at Fremont, Ohio, because Israel Harrington was their first Judge. Much assistance was given us by Dr. Curtis W. Garrison, Dr. Radabaugh, of the Hayes Memorial Library, Katheryn M. Keller of Tenn. Mrs. C.B. Finefrock of Port Clinton, Mrs. Arthur G. Walter of Fremont, and many others. Briefly the history is this.

The name is spelled in many ways, Hernden, Hearenden, Heerndale, Herndn, Herrington & Harrington.

From England came two Brothers, Benjamin & William Harrington probably 1664, for Benjamin Harrington was in Providence R.I. for a short time that year and at Lynn next year. He swore allegiance 1666, this is according to Savage. Austin Gen. Dict. of R.I. gives 1662.

Benjamin's wife was named Elizabeth. She d 1701 he d 1687. Their 6th child William Harrington d Aug 27 1727. His first wife Esther. Their second son Elisha b 1689 m Ruth Elisha Jr (son of Elisha & Ruth) b April 22 1715 his son Israel b in R.I. (probably at Smithfield) Feb 11, 1734, he m Kehittebel who was b Mar 11 1738

CHILDREN OF KEHITTEBEL AND ISRAEL HARRINGTON

1762 Mary b Aug 31
1767 Lucretia b Mar 5
1774 Israel Jr b Oct 16
1782 Matthes b Apr 17

Israel Sr served in the Revolution from Danby Vt, where he moved about 1774. He was a great hunter and a maker of chairs and baskets. His wife died in Vermont Mar 9 1799. After her death Israel Sr went to visit his son Matthes who was living in Penn. Later he came to Ohio to visit his son Israel Jr and died in Elmore, Ottawa County, O. 1826 where he is buried in Riverside Cemetery and where DeLery Portage Chapter D.A.R have placed a stone at his grave. Through the efforts of the Rev. Earl R. Bull money was subscribed for a grave for his son Israel Jr. The two graves are side by side.

Service of Israel Harrington Sr recorded in Vermont in the Revolution p 243

Mary Harrington b 1762 m a Mr. Harrington in Vermont, and died in that state. (no record of her children)

Lucretia Harrington b 1767 m Nathaniel Harrington, who was b in Vermont April 2 1774. They moved to Michigan and reared a large family near Lansing. She d June 27 1854 and Nathaniel d Aug 12 1855 (no record of their children)

Matthes Harrington b 1782 in Vermont, left home at an early age and spent a great deal of time in N.Y. State. Owned about 1500 Acres of land in all, some in N.Y. some in Penn and some in Sandusky County, O. He m 1802 Elizabeth Spry, b near Cheespeak Bay Nov 26 1786.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH SPRY & MATTHEWS HARRINGTON

- 1805 Mm b Mar 32 m Jane Porter he d Jan 31 1881 6 children (Ira P-Mary-John-Wilton-Margaret-Judd)
- 1807 Sally b Apr 18 m Jas. Morse-settled in Sandusky County Ohio 6 children (Harriet-Israel-Vashti-Josephine-Sarah-Nathan-Sally) James d 1870 his wife 1869
- 1809 Lucretia July 9 lived and d in Conneaut Township 1858
- 1811 Catherine Sept 9 m Mm B. DeWolf 8 dau (Eleanor-Melissa Sarah-Loretta-Mary- Matilda-Stella-Izora) She d 1876 her husband d 1883
- 1814 Mary Mar 6 m Mm C. Devereaux 3 children (Ralph-Emily-Jane) She d 1845 her husband d 1879
- 1816 Daniel Apr 11 m Margaret Porter 2 dau Loretta Louisa He d in Columbus O 1844 his wife about 1876
- 1818 Israel May 20 m Matilda Barney 8 children (Barney-Lacy-Chester-Cassius-Elizabeth-Smith-Hattie-Jay)
- 1822 Ira 5 May 26 m Amarilla Case who d Sept 9 1855 3 children (Wilo-Lizzie-Sarah) 2nd wife Mary J Patterson 1857 2 children (Fannie-Geo.) Lived in Iowa
- 1824 Loretta Aug 13 m Benjamin F. Barney 3 children (Harriet-Henry-Lottie) He d 1882 his wife m Abner Scott of Conneaut O.
- 1828 Moses A Apr 2 m Harriet S. Patterson 3 children (Rose de Albertie- Inez E- Geo. Lee)

ISRAEL HARRINGTON JR
b 1774 d 1841

In 1810 Israel Harrington was in Ashtabula County, O, elected trustee. He is listed as coming there in 1803 and being their first Justice. In Feb 1810 6 families came to Bloomingville (then called Rheatsborough) Erie County, O. Of these 6 Israel and Seth Harrington were two. Johnathan Sprague came from Danby Vt.

1812 Israel Harrington moved to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) Sandusky County, O. Here he kept a tavern, and became the first Judge.

When or where he married his wife, we are not able to find out, but from the court records we know her name was Elizabeth.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH & ISRAEL HARRINGTON JR.

_____ a girl who died 1812
Amelia m Increase Graves 1824
Wesley m Malinda Wilson 1830
Robert B m Mary Bigloe 1838
Margaret m Creon B Bemens 1840
William E. m Harriet E. Bosley 1843
Harrison m 1 Phebe (son Horace) 2 Mary E (Consider A *Julia John Hannah)
Sally
Bradley
Miller
Lafayette

_____ a child who d Aug 9 1834 account book of Ezekiel Rice
Elizabeth d 1852 leaving her property to her son Wesley

HARRINGTON

SETH HARRINGTON, In 1857 Seth Harrington made a land bounty application for his services in war of 1812, as Captain of the Company at Bloomingville Blockhouse. In this Application he states that he was born Nov 27 1771. All of our histories say that his mother died when he was very young and that his father took him with him in the war of the Revolution.

Members of the family say his father was Johnathan Harrington and that Seth was born in R.I. All through the records Johnathan and Jeremiah Harrington appear together, and when Jeremiah died in Huron County, O. 1818 Seth was appointed his Admr. but the record does not state what relationship.

R.I. Census 1774 Smithfield Township	Johnathan Harrington
Providence County	Jeremiah Harrington

We find only one record that could be Johnathan's

Documents of the Colonial History of N.Y. Vol 1 p 239-240 Johnathan Harrington first Company Malcoms- One of the 16 Regiments in the Continental Service, officered by Gen. Wright, and not belonging to the line of any particular State, but credited to N.Y. Johnathan Harrington enlisted May 25 1777, 3 years.

1790 Census of N.Y. State- Johnathan Harrington, Saratoga Town, Albany County- Jeremiah Harrington the same

1793 Gazetteer of N.Y. p 538 Seth Harrington was one of the two first settlers in the Unidilla Valley. From there he went down to Carlisle Pa., but owned no property there as his name does not appear on the tax lists.

1801 Johnathan, Jeremiah, Seth and Israel Harrington all appear in Ashtabule County Ohio, where Johnathan bought land of on Col. Boulton's first improvement. Johnathan evidently died here, for this is the last mention of him we can find. His son Abel Harrington sold some of the land the next year. The History of Ashtabula County, Ohio on p 200 says "Johnathan Harrington from Pa but originally from R.I. "

HARRINGTON

FAMILY OF JOHNATHAN HARRINGTON

- 1771 Seth b in N.I. m Hulda Smith about 1792 in N.Y State
—— a dau who m a man named Wood and was a widow
living in Huron County, O. 1813
- 1790 Maria m George Ferguson in Conneaut O. 1808
Johnathan Jr whose infant child died in Monroe
Township Ashtabula County O 1805 or 1806
Abel who sold some of his father's land in Ashtabula
County 1802

Seth Harrington always called Captain for his services in the war in 1812. All the histories are full of stories of his superior wisdom, and quick thinking. The early settlers turned naturally to him for leadership after the Massacre of Margaretta, and other Indian troubles.

CHILDREN OF HULDA SMITH AND SETH HARRINGTON.

- Eetsy Harrington m Pierson McGill
Ralph Harrington m Anna Paxton
Rhoda Harrington m Bourdett Wood of Bellevue, O.
Madison Harrington m 1 Lydia Hunt 2 Sally Fleming
Laura Harrington m Stephen Crippen, lived in Monroeville, O.
Hulda Harrington m James Sheffield lived in Napoleon, O.
Charlott Harrington dau of Seth and Hulda according to her
stone in Sand Hill Cemetery d 1847 ae 51

Seth Harrington d on his farm in Bloomingville situated on Pipe Creek Dec 3 1857. His wife died there 1869.

Hulda Smith was the daughter of Samuel Smith and Mercy Jessup. The Census of N.Y. 1790 lists Samuel Smith as also living in Saratoga Town, Albany County. Samuel was a son of Daniel Smith and Hulda Dudley. Daniel as a small boy was rescued from the wreck of his father's ship. His father also named Daniel, was a merchant of Manchester England.

This was all written over and criss cross by a very old lady who was living in the old floks home at Clyde Ohio. I do not know her name, she only signed her initials F.O.B. but wrote at the end Love, Frances. She mentions Elizabeth Adams leaving everything to her son Harrington. She also says that Johnathan Harrington was son of Francis Harrington.

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